



Site Fact Sheet for (DE-1372) Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Site Investigation and Restoration Branch (SIRB)

Site description:

The site was a vacant lot in a commercial/residential setting. The property is now occupied by eight townhouses.

Site Location:Habitat for Humanity at 1303 North Heald Street Wilmington, DE

Current Status: Proposed Plan issued December 10, 2006. The public comment period closed January 2, 2007. There was one comment on the Proposed Plan. It came from Habitat for Humanity and concerned the cost estimate included in the Proposed Plan. DNREC modified the cost estimate and issued the Final Plan on 1/5. It was advertised in the News Journal on 1/8. The pre-construction meeting was held on April 3, 2007. Remedial action commenced in late April, 2007. The remedial action was substantially completed in January 2008. The Operations and Maintenance Plan has been completed and approved. Habitat for Humanity recorded the UECA compliant deed restriction on March 18, 2008. The SIRB continues to monitor the storm water and erosion controls. Habitat anticipates that families will begin moving into the new houses later in the spring.

Site Operation History: There is a long history of industrial activity in the neighborhood of the site. It has recently been used for equipment and truck storage. Surrounding properties have been used for warehousing, repair shops and similar light industry.

Environmental Investigations and Actions:DNREC performed a "Site Specific Assessment" and a "Preliminary Risk Assessment" on the property in 2006. Investigation showed that the site has been affected by fill material and also historical activities on the site. A leaking underground storage tank on the adjacent property appears to have affected a small area of subsurface soil on the site. DNREC has also recently investigated two adjacent properties--the Naga Foods Site (immediately north of Habitat for Humanity) and 1330 Thatcher Street (immediately west).

Contaminants of Potential Concern (COPC): The contaminants of concern were petroleum related compounds in surface and subsurface soil and arsenic, lead, barium and manganese in surface and subsurface soil.

Cleanup Stage:Remedial action completed. Construction of townhouses completed.

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Habitat for Humanity Heald Street *Before* construction project



Habitat for Humanity Heald Street *After* construction project