

Ellis Property

Sharp Road Evesham Township Burlington County

BLOCK: 14 LOT: 4

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SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

A drum cleaning and storage facility occupied a four acre portion of this site during the 1970s. The facility ceased operations in 1978 after a fire damaged several of the buildings. A site inspection by NJDEP in 1980 revealed approximately 75 drums containing chemical wastes were being stored in the main building and storage sheds and additional drums and other containers were scattered throughout the property. The drums and containers were in various stages of deterioration and some had leaked onto the ground. NJDEP also found evidence of spillage due to past operations. In 1983, USEPA added the Ellis Property to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites (NPL). NJDEP subsequently implemented an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) to remove and dispose of grossly contaminated soil and approximately 100 drums of waste. The main building and sheds were also demolished because they were structurally unsafe. USEPA disposed of the remaining drums during a second removal action in 1990. In all, approximately 300 drums were removed from the site by NJDEP and USEPA. Between 1985 and 1992, NJDEP's Remedial Response Element conducted a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) to delineate the contamination at the site and evaluate cleanup alternatives. The RI/FS revealed the surface soil was contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), semi-volatile organic compounds and lead, and the ground water was contaminated with volatile organic compounds and metals. In 1992, NJDEP issued a Record of Decision (ROD) with USEPA concurrence that required excavation and off-site disposal of the remaining contaminated soil and installation of a remediation system to extract and treat the contaminated shallow ground water. NJDEP excavated and disposed of 1,400 cubic yards of contaminated soil and backfilled the excavated areas with clean soil in 1998. NJDEP completed construction of the ground water remediation system in 2000 and is overseeing operation of the system. The system is currently extracting and treating approximately 210,000 gallons of contaminated ground water each month. Operation and maintenance (O&M) activities will continue for up to 30 years, or until ground water quality criteria have been achieved.