



The RACER Trust: Empowering America's Auto Communities

Indianapolis, IN

RACER Site 11910

Indianapolis Stamping Plant
340 White River Parkway W. Drive S.
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Site Description

The Indianapolis Stamping Plant property was an industrial and manufacturing site from the late 1800s until GM Corp. ended operations in June 2009.

The site includes a parcel that had been purchased by GM Corp. in the 1980s. Before that parcel was acquired by GM Corp., it was the location of a chemical distribution company that stored and distributed solvents similar to those that have been identified in groundwater in the area.

In March 2011, the RACER Trust was created out of the GM Corp. bankruptcy to clean up contamination found on the site and position the property for redevelopment. Cleanup activities are performed by the RACER Trust in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The Settlement Agreement that established the RACER Trust set aside \$3.7 million for cleanup work.

The Property is 103+/- acres in size. All buildings have been removed; however, a portion of the original "high bay" building was left in place. Basement structures were left in place and backfilled, with holes created in the basement walls in order to allow equalization with local groundwater. The Property is being marketed exclusively to prospects with plans to redevelop the vacated land.

Environmental History

Environmental activities at this site have included investigations of sub-surface soil and groundwater, including the groundwater in the neighborhood to the south of the site. This testing has indicated the presence of soil and groundwater contaminants (volatile organic compounds, or VOCs) in the western portion of the property that housed the former chemical facility. To date, the soils on the site have been fully investigated and cleaned up to IDEM Industrial Criteria, leading IDEM to declare that cleanup of soils on the site is complete.

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Based on data from wells placed in the neighborhood to the south of the site, it also has been determined that the groundwater beneath the site and a part of the neighborhood contains a VOC called trichloroethylene (“TCE”), a solvent that is used in industrial settings and also found in common household items.

Permanent monitoring wells have been installed in the neighborhood south of the site to allow groundwater to be monitored on an ongoing basis. RACER also studied homes to determine if the TCE in the groundwater creates a condition called “vapor intrusion,” (VI) in which a vapor is being released from the groundwater into the soils above the groundwater table. Those vapors could eventually be released into the atmosphere above the ground, or could enter basements, crawl spaces, or cracks in slabs of homes. The results of those tests showed some homes exceeded IDEM criteria for VI and were retrofitted with mitigation systems to prevent the vapors from entering the homes. RACER continues to test for vapor intrusion in the same area as the impacted groundwater.

Next Steps

RACER has defined the extent of VOCs in groundwater and continues to work with IDEM to evaluate remedial options for the impacted groundwater and additional vapor monitoring south of the site.

All data generated from testing results are shared with IDEM and various reports and information related to the Indianapolis site are available on the IDEM virtual file cabinet website.

Information on the site and past environmental tests can be viewed at the RACER website at www.racertrust.org.

For more information on vapor intrusion, please visit the Indiana Department of Environmental Management’s website: www.in.gov/idem/4335.htm

IDEM Virtual File Cabinet: <http://vfc.idem.in.gov/DocumentSearch.aspx?xAIID=10571>

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