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Grand Blanc Township, MI

RACER Site ID 12960

Dort Highway Industrial Land
10800 South Dort Highway
Grand Blanc Township, MI 48439

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Site Description

Located just off South Dort Highway in Grand Blanc Township, this vacant parcel of approximately 20 acres is adjacent to a GM facility, formerly a GM Metal Fabricating Division (MFD) Plant. Originally constructed in 1942, the MFD Plant was used as a tank arsenal. After World War II, the plant was leased by the Buick Motor Division and sold to GM in 1951. In 1955, the plant was converted into an automotive body metal fabricating facility, and most recently fabricated, assembled and repaired robotic systems for automotive plants.

The Dort Highway Industrial Land property was a former test track and later a die and miscellaneous equipment storage area that were associated with the MFD Plant.

Cleanup activities are performed by RACER Trust, with the approval and oversight of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 5. The Settlement Agreement that established RACER Trust set aside \$528,634 for cleanup work at this Property.



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Environmental History

Approximately 3 to 4 feet of soil and fill materials, including concrete and asphalt pavement, was stripped from the Property during the demolition of the MFD Plant's former press room, and used to fill in its basement. Some of the soils were impacted with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals (primarily arsenic and lead). Soil stripping activities took place in 2009.

Remediation activities undertaken by RACER Trust on the Property included investigation of soil and groundwater, which led to removal of PAH-impacted wood floor blocks and associated soils from the southern portion of the Property. Investigation of groundwater was completed. Low level arsenic and lead groundwater impacts have been detected.

A Corrective Measures Study (CMS) report was prepared and includes documentation of the remediation and investigation activities undertaken during 2011, 2012 and 2013, and an evaluation of corrective measures alternatives. The CMS proposed several deed restrictions in addition to the completed soil and wood floor block removal as the final corrective measures. EPA issued a Final Decision approving the proposed final corrective measures on June 6, 2016. The final Declaration of Restrictive Covenant has been recorded. USEPA approved RACER's request for Corrective Action Complete with Controls on January 4, 2017.



More detailed information on the site can be viewed at the RACER website at www.racertrust.org.

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