

Industrial Manufacturer AST Closure Radford, Virginia

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

A large manufacturing client wanted to sell their recently-closed facility quickly, which required closure of an aboveground storage tank. Since this can be a difficult and lengthy process, it was going to require creative solutions in order to get the work completed in time.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Our client needed assessment, cleanup (if required), and attainment of a No Further Action (NFA) status within an extremely short timeframe in order to sell the property.

STRATEGY & SOLUTION

Sierra identified and contacted (within hours of notice to proceed) the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) regulator who managed this AST site. Sierra then diligently engaged the regulator in a proactive manner and verified the regulatory requirements for the site. Full, timely cooperation of the regulator was gained by discussing the sampling plan and securing verbal approval to proceed. Since the regulator agreed to meet with Sierra, we mobilized from the Atlanta headquarters, met with the VDEQ regulator on-site, completed soil assessment activities, and returned to Georgia with soil samples – all in the same day.

Using an expedited turnaround time, laboratory samples were analyzed and it was determined that additional sampling would be required for full impact delineation. Sierra remobilized to the site within days and completed additional sampling, all while keeping the VDEQ case manager apprised of all activities and analytical findings.

RESULT

The storage tank was closed and Sierra secured an NFA for the subject property. The sense of urgency Sierra had, coupled with the close work with the VDEQ regulator, resulted in successful closure and was crucial in the timely sale of the property.

