



Facts About...

Former Chesapeake Paperboard
(VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM)

Site Description:

This 8.39-acre property, consisting of three separate lots located at 1605 & 1801 Key Highway and 1500 Woodall Street, is in a zoned industrial area of Baltimore, Maryland. Bordering the property to the west is Key Highway, beyond which is a retail shopping center. The property is bordered to the south by Interstate Highway 95 and to the east by a commercial warehouse. North of the property is a baseball field and the local fire station.

There are no surface water bodies located on the property, and the Inner Harbor is located approximately 0.5-mile north, northeast of the site. Groundwater beneath the property flows to the southeast. The site and vicinity are served by municipal water and sewer systems provided by the City of Baltimore.

Site History:

As indicated in the environmental reports, the property was developed in 1890 with a machine shop, blacksmith and coal shed. By 1914, the property was utilized in producing paperboard and cardboard products. Paper and cardboard manufacturing operations ceased at the property in 2000.

The property is currently owned by Key Woodall, LLC and all buildings have been demolished. The property consists of vacant lots surrounded by a chain-linked fence.

Environmental Investigations and Actions:

The property was utilized in paperboard and cardboard production for over 80 years, and environmental investigations were performed at the property in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2005 and 2006. Previous soil samples collected at the property indicated the presence of metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

During manufacturing operations at the property, several aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) and underground storage tanks (USTs) were located on the property. In 1985, a UST containing diesel fuel failed a routine tank tightness test and the Oil Control Program (OCP) inspector noted that at least 1 gallon of diesel fuel had been released into the groundwater beneath the property. The remaining diesel fuel was pumped from the tank, the tank was removed from the property, and the case was closed on January 2, 1987.

In September 2005, all remaining USTs and ASTs were removed from the property under the supervision of the OCP. A total of 847 tons of petroleum-impacted soil was also removed, resulting in case closure on May 9, 2006.



Current Status:

Chesapeake Paperboard, LLC submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program application for the property on January 6, 2006 seeking a Certificate of Completion as an inculpable person. During the review of the application package, the Department determined that the property required the submittal of a Response Action Plan (RAP).

On April 26, 2006, the Department accepted the Former Chesapeake Paperboard property into the Voluntary Cleanup Program and requested the development of a proposed RAP in order to address potential risks associated with the property. The proposed RAP was submitted to the Department on August 25, 2006. A public informational meeting to discuss the proposed RAP was held on September 25, 2006.

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