

BALTIMORE CAMDEN YARDS
901 West Ostend Street
Baltimore, Maryland
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Description

The five-acre site, owned by United States Can Company (US Can), 900 Commerce Drive, Oak Brook, Illinois, is located in a district zoned for general industrial use in Baltimore City. The site consists of a single-story 200,000 ft² building with an asphalt parking area. Residences and commercial businesses bound the site. The site and surrounding areas are provided with municipal water and sewer service.

Site History

The Baltimore Camden Yards property has been used for a variety of industrial and commercial uses since the property was developed in the late 1800s. The property has been used for the production and storage of manufactured gas, as a foundry, a machine shop, an auto trailer sales and service facility, and a metal decorating facility. In 1993, Alltrista Corporation purchased the property and operated the metal decorating facility until 1996. In April 1996, ownership was transferred from Alltrista Corporation to US Can. US Can ceased the metal decorating operations in February 1997 and the site has remained vacant since that time.

Past activities at the site and on adjacent properties have impacted the groundwater. Solvents and petroleum-based products have been detected at levels in the groundwater that exceed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency established drinking water standards.

Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Status

Alltrista Corporation submitted an application to the VCP on November 3, 1997. The Department reviewed the application and requested additional information to complete the application package. On November 4, 1998, a revised application was submitted to the Department by US Can. The revised application clarified that US Can was the applicant, rather than Alltrista Corporation, and the action sought would be a Certificate of Completion. Following review of the additional information submitted with the revised application, the Department accepted the application and approved US Can's status as a responsible person. The Department notified US Can that a proposed response action plan was needed to address subsurface conditions at the property and a proposed response action plan

was submitted to the Department on April 23, 1999. Since there was no request for a public informational meeting, the Department completed reviewing the plan and provided comments to US Can on July 15, 1999.

In April 2000, the participant excavated a portion of the southern courtyard area and confirmed the presence of an underground storage tank that was first reported to the Department during the public participation phase of the project by a former employee. The participant collected additional soil and groundwater samples in this area to address the Department's comments concerning this area. The Department is currently waiting to receive the results from this investigation and the other responses to the Department's comments on the proposed response action plan.

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