

**FORMER PPG – WORKS NO. 7**  
**Cumberland, Maryland**

**Site Location**

This 150-acre property is located at 11601 PPG Road, in the Mexico Farms Industrial Park near Cumberland, Maryland. Land use in the vicinity is mixed commercial and industrial. The City of Cumberland supplies municipal water to the site; however, there are at least four private wells located within a one-half mile radius of the property. A residential area is located approximately 0.3 mile to the north. Surface runoff from the site drains south, through a system of drainage swales, to the North Branch of the Potomac River.

It is a former plate glass manufacturing facility that operated from 1956 to 1981. During that time, the site contained grinding, polishing, cooling, and storage buildings, ash lagoons, and two fuel oil storage tanks. In 1981, manufacturing operations ceased at the site, and the facility was converted to plate glass research and development activities. All operations ceased at the site in 1992. In January 1996, Allegany County took ownership of the site and a number of the on-site structures were razed.

**Site History**

While in operation, PPG Works No. 7 used, stored, and generated a variety of controlled hazardous substances. In 1987, the Department issued a Site Complaint to PPG for soil contaminated with tetrachloroethene (PCE) in an on-site drum storage area and next to an adjoining paint storage building.

**Environmental Investigations and Actions**

In 1987-88, PPG removed approximately 135 tons of contaminated soil from this area and replaced it with clean fill. Further investigation of this area also revealed the presence of localized groundwater contamination with PCE, trichloroethene, and 1,2-dichloroethylene.

In 1994, investigation of the entire site identified several areas of soil contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons and low levels of arsenic, chromium, and lead. PCE, TCE, and their degradation products were detected in a groundwater bearing zone underlying a one-acre portion of the site. In late 1996/early 1997, PPG installed and activated a groundwater remediation system at the site and removed contaminated soils from the areas identified in 1994.

On April 3, 1997, PPG submitted a VCP application to the Department. The Department determined that additional information was necessary to complete the application and in November 1997, PPG submitted a portion of the requested information to the Department. The remainder of the information, consisting of specific soil and groundwater samples, was never submitted. On July 28, 1999, the Department sent notice to PPG that their application had been withdrawn from the VCP.

On February 9, 2000, Allegany County submitted a VCP application for the property. The application was accompanied by Phase I and Phase II reports and site sampling data collected by the Department's Site and Brownfields Assessment/State Superfund Division in February 1999 and by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in August 1999. The

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Department approved the application on April 7, 2000 and notified Allegany County that a response action plan must be developed to address a number of environmental issues on the property. The Department further outlined these issues for the County in a letter dated May 24, 2000.

## Current Status

On May 10, 2000, the Department received a VCP application from Hunter Douglas Northeast, Inc. for a 25-acre parcel that was recently subdivided from the 150-acre former PPG property. The Department reviewed the application and, on June 12, 2000, issued a No Further Requirements Determination for the subdivided parcel. Hunter Douglas Northeast, Inc. plans to construct a window-blind manufacturing facility on the subdivided parcel.

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