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## FACTS ABOUT: 1715 THAMES STREET PROPERTY

### **Site Location**

The 1715 Thames Street property, located at that address in the Fells Point neighborhood of Baltimore City, Maryland, is a 1.72-acre waterfront property situated in a mixed use commercial and residential area that is bounded to the north by Thames Street.

Extending south from Thames Street directly into Northwest Harbor, the fast land with bulkheads and a wood-pile pier, make up the property. Surface water flows from the property directly into the harbor. Public water and sewer service is supplied to the property and the area by the City of Baltimore.

The Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) applicant, 1715 Thames Street LLC is the current property owner; they purchased the property on June 20, 2014 from Recreation Pier Developers LLC. The City of Baltimore sold the property to the previous owners in 2010.

### **Site History**

The property currently consists of a vacant 65,000 square foot building and bulkhead pier. The three-story building and pier were constructed in 1914 as the Broadway Recreation Pier by the City of Baltimore. A ferry service also operated from the pier and by 1937 both the recreation pier and the ferry service had reportedly ceased operations. A portion of the former recreation pier had been used as a setting for the television series, *Homicide: Life on the Street*, from 1993 until 1999.

### **Environmental Investigations**

Several Phase I environmental site assessments (ESAs) have been conducted (in 2007, 2010 and 2013) for the property; the 2007 Phase I ESA identified recognized environmental conditions related to petroleum use at the property and spills to the harbor near the property. A work plan for a Phase II investigation was submitted with the VCP application.

### **Current Status**

On December 16, 2014, 1715 Thames Street LLC submitted an application to the VCP as an inculpable person seeking a No Further Requirements Determination for Tier 2B (commercial restricted) future use of the property.



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