



**Maryland**  
Department of  
the Environment

## Artmor Plastics Corp (MD1766)

### What You Need to Know

#### Site Location

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The former Artmor Plastics Corporation is located at 1000 Wills Mountain Road in Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland 21502. The 46.75 acre property is identified on Allegany County Tax Map 0015 parcel 0010 in Congressional District 6. There is a 42,665 square foot building on-site. A large shed containing radio antennae and equipment is located behind the main building. The former factory building is two stories containing the former manufacturing area, offices, a laboratory, and a museum. In November 2015 a fire was intentionally set at the property, destroying the interior of half of the building containing the offices and museum.

The site is situated at an elevation of approximately 1,250 feet above mean sea level on Will's Mountain. The majority of the property is wooded and vegetated. Adjacent properties consist of wooded land which is undeveloped. The surface area where the building is located is relatively flat. The site is situated on the side of a cliff; steep slopes and rocky outcrops are present. Natural springs are present at several locations on-site.

#### Site History

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The site was used for metal manufacturing and engineering from the 1940's through the early 1960's. A bar and restaurant operated at the site for a short time in the 1960's. The Artmor Plastics Corporation operated from 1966 to 2013 and was used for plastic, dye, metal and textile manufacturing. Plastic manufacturing operations included die thermoforming, injection and compression molding, machining, heat casting, vacuum forming and die cutting. Various small plastic products were produced for household, commercial and industrial use. The property owner and Corporation founder passed away in 2008. Employees of Artmor continued to manufacture plastics at the site until 2013 when operations were shut down and the building was left vacant.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) RCRAInfo documented the use and storage of hazardous substances, including PCE, TCE, methylene chloride and carbon tetrachloride at the site.

#### Environmental Investigations

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The former Artmor Plastics Corporation was identified by the Department's Hazardous Waste Division in November 2015 after a fire was set at the vacant building and 55-gallon drums containing improperly labeled chemicals and used oil were observed in the building. The Hazardous Waste Program required the removal of all drums and improperly stored hazardous materials from the building. This removal was completed and documentation provided to the Department in June 2016.



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MDE-LRP submitted the Pre-CERCLA screening checklist to the EPA for review and comment in February 2017. This site evaluation concluded that additional investigation is warranted to be protective of native plant species, recreational users, trespassers and residences located topographically down gradient of the site.

No files were identified in MDE's Air and Radiation Management Administration, Oil Control or Water Supply Programs. EPA RCRAInfo identified the use of hazardous substances including halogenated solvents and degreasers at the site. The EPA ID is MDD003077252. The site is currently vacant.

### Current Status

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MDE submitted a Preliminary Assessment to the EPA for review and comment in May 2017. To date, access has not been granted to the Department by the current property owners. If access is granted, the Department would conduct a Site Inspection. Given the past industrial and manufacturing use of the site, the known use, improper storage and disposal of hazardous substances, including PCE, TCE, methylene chloride and carbon tetrachloride, MDE is recommending that a Site Inspection be completed at the former Artmor Plastics site for further assessment of possible soil and groundwater contamination.