

# ***Facts About...***

## FORITA PROPERTY (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

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### Site Location

The Forita property is located at 200 South Post Road, Aberdeen, Harford County, Maryland. This 5.16-acre property is located in a mixed residential-industrial area that is bounded to the north, east, and west by rail lines. Also to the east of the property are the Town of Aberdeen's supply wells and Aberdeen Proving Ground. The property has several commercial and industrial tenants. Surface water from the property flows south to Romney Creek. Water and sanitary sewer are supplied to the property from the Town of Aberdeen.

### Site History

The property consists of two parcels (2791 and 2792) and is currently developed with commercial and industrial tenant spaces. The current property owner is Forita LLC, who purchased the property from L. Keith Ford on October 19, 1999. Previously, Paidon Products was located at the property and prior to that, from 1940 until approximately 1988, the Chemical Products Company. The Chemical Products Company reportedly produced KWIK paint and varnish remover and Surfa Prep at the property. It is alleged that prior to Mr. Ford's ownership, the Michael family's Cannery also operated at the property.

### Environmental Investigations

In 1989, an underground storage tank (UST) removal occurred at the property (Case #90-1181-HA). Nine tanks were removed: five 10,000-gallon railroad tank cars (tank contents: methanol, acetone, toluene, and two lacquer thinner); two 8,000-gallon tanks (tank contents: methylene chloride and waste water); one 5,000-gallon tank (tank contents: industrial oil); and one 550-gallon tank (tank contents: gasoline). No perforations were noted in any tank upon removal.

Two additional USTs were removed in 2000 (Case #2000-0271 HA); these tanks contained #2 oil and were reported to have perforations in the tank bottoms. Several soil samples were collected from the tank excavation and the soil stockpiled; one sample indicated contamination from petroleum compounds. A monitoring well was reportedly installed and sampled, the oil control program issued a notice of compliance on October 17, 2000.

Phase I environmental site assessments were conducted at the property in March 2002, February 2007, and updated in December 2010. The 2010 Phase I indicated that the property had several recognized environmental conditions, the former USTs, areas of petroleum stained soils, and the historic use of the property.

## **Current Status**

On January 28, 2011, Forita, LLC submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) as responsible person seeking No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) for Tier 2B (Commercial Restricted) future use of the property.

## **Contact**

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3493.

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