



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

Former Campbell's Soup Facility  
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

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## **Site Location:**

This 9.46-acre property is located at 1947 Clark Avenue Extended in an industrial area of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. The property formerly consisted of an asphalt-paved parking lot and several buildings. Locked gates and a chain-link fence enclosed the property. The property is located on the southern side of the Pocomoke River and surface water flows north across the property towards the river. Municipal water and sanitary sewer services are provided to the site and the vicinity. Three water-supply wells are located on the property; one well has been parceled off and is now used by the City of Pocomoke for public water supply purposes.

## **Site History:**

Campbell's Soup purchased the property from the City of Pocomoke in 1966. From the late 1960s, several food companies including Campbell's Soup, Swanson's and Birdseye, manufactured frozen packaged food products at the property until approximately 1990 when operations ceased. From 1992 until 1996, Dayhoff Inc., a food packaging company reportedly operated at the property. In March 2004, the County Commissioners of Worcester County purchased the property.

## **Environmental Investigations:**

In 1992, a Phase I and a limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment were conducted at the property. These investigations identified petroleum contamination in the area of the aboveground storage tanks. An asbestos removal was reportedly conducted inside the building.

In January 2004, the County Commissioners of Worcester County requested that the Maryland Department of the Environment's (Department) Brownfields Program conduct a Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments of the property. Subsequent soil sampling detected elevated levels of arsenic, volatile organic compounds and semi-volatile organic compounds. Groundwater contaminants were identified as arsenic, manganese, diesel range organics, and low levels of tetrachloroethene and cis-1,2-dichloroethane.

## **Current Status:**

On January 14, 2004, the Worcester County Commissioners submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) application for the property seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) as an inculpable person. On December 8, 2004, the Department accepted the property into the program and determined the property was not eligible for an NFRD. On June 19, 2006, the proposed response action plan (RAP) was approved by the Department and upon completion of the RAP, a Certificate of Completion (COC) was issued by the Department. The COC was recorded in the Worcester County land records on September 20, 2006.

## **Contact**

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

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