

**BARRE STATION**  
**Ward 21, Section 2, Blocks 283, 284, 847-A, 827-B**  
**Baltimore, Maryland**

***Site Description***

This 8.6 acre property is located in an urban residential-commercial area on the west side of Baltimore City. It is comprised of 12 vacant parcels bounded by a chain-link fence and McHenry Street to the north, Scott Street to the east, Clifford Street to the south, and South Poppleton Street to the west. The B&O Museum is located directly across McHenry Street from the site. The City of Baltimore has owned the site since 1993. The site and vicinity is served by municipal water and sewer systems.

The property has been used for industrial purposes since the mid-1800s. Past industrial activities have included the manufacture of railcar parts, locomotive engines, mining carts, artillery gun carriages, heating boilers, and ornamental iron. Residences, a corn and hay storage warehouse, a barrel dealer, a rag dealer, a recycled paper dealer, a coal and wood storage yard, and a roofing business have also occupied portions of the property in the past. The buildings and structures associated with the site's past uses have since been razed, leaving only a few building foundations on the south side of the property.

***Environmental Concerns***

Previous environmental investigations of the site by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the City's consultants (Spotts Stevens, and McCoy, Inc. and Purdum & Jeschke, LLC) have identified several areas of surface soil contamination. The contaminants found included polychlorinated biphenyls, lead and other metals, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and petroleum hydrocarbons. Some of this contamination was subsequently remediated as part of demolition activities initiated by the City after purchasing the site. In 1996, MDE performed a quantitative risk assessment and found that soil contaminant levels at the site do not pose an unacceptable risk to people trespassing or working on the property. However, MDE also concluded a further risk assessment would be necessary after the site was developed to ensure there would be no unacceptable risks to future residents. Also of concern was the lack of groundwater quality data. Previous investigators collected groundwater samples using direct push technology; however, the samples were not analyzed for all the contaminants of concern at the site.

***Voluntary Cleanup Program Status***

Baltimore City plans to sell the property to a developer for the construction of 144 townhouses. In September 1997, the City applied to the Department for acceptance into the State's Voluntary Cleanup Program. The Department accepted the property into the Voluntary Cleanup Program and approved the applicant's status as a responsible person. The City informed the Department that it plans to continue in the Voluntary Cleanup Program and will be submitting a response action plan for the property.

In April 1999, Camden Associates, LLC, the City's developer for this project, submitted a co-application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program seeking inculpable person status. The Department is currently reviewing this application.

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