

Baltimore City

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KURT IRON & METAL PROPERTY 3000 Childs Street Baltimore, Maryland (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Description

This 10.43-acre property has been used since 1987 for dismantling military and commercial ships and storing dismantled steel structures, salvageable ship materials, and abandoned heavy equipment. Prior to 1987, the Maryland Shipbuilding & Drydock Company used the property for shipbuilding, ship maintenance, and ship dismantling.

The property is located in the Fairfield area of Baltimore City and is surrounded by two facilities operated by the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) on one side, and the Patapsco River on the other. Public utilities are available on the property.

Environmental Concerns

The property has a long history of being used for shipbuilding, ship maintenance, and ship dismantling activities. As a result of these activities, a variety of controlled hazardous substances and petroleum products (including paints, solvents, PCBs, waste oil and grease, lubricants, and fuels) have been generated, used and/or stored on the property over the years. In addition, asbestos containing materials, furnace slag, sandblasting grit, various storage tanks, drums, and containers, abandoned heavy equipment and vehicles, appliances, storage trailers, and wood and metal debris occupy portions of the property.

Sampling of the soil, groundwater, sediment, and debris piles at the property indicated the presence of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, asbestos, petroleum hydrocarbons, and metals.

Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Status

MPA (the current site owner) submitted a VCP application for the property on February 20, 1998. After reviewing the application and supplemental information that was requested from MPA, the Department accepted the site into the VCP in February 1999. The Department is currently awaiting submission of a proposed response action plan from MPA. The plan is expected to include, among other things, provisions for the removal of all controlled hazardous substances from the property and the collection of additional environmental samples.

MPA plans to raise the grade of the site until its elevation is equal to that of the adjoining properties. The re-graded property will then be paved and used as an automobile storage terminal. No permanent structures are planned for the property.

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