OLD FAIRFIELD PROPERTIES Baltimore, Baltimore City, Maryland

Site Location

The 23.38-acre Old Fairfield area consists of properties located in an area bounded by Chesapeake Ave, Carbon Ave, Sun St. and Weedon Street in a former residential area. The site is surrounded by various active industrial properties and petroleum storage facilities in the Fairfield section of South Baltimore.

Site History

The area includes 172 parcels that are currently owned by various private owners and Baltimore City. The properties were previously used as residences but are now a combination of vacant lots and scrapyards.

Environmental Investigations

Several sampling events have been conducted in the area but no investigation has included the entire area. In 1997, MDE completed two Brownfields Assessments on City-owned properties that identified elevated levels of inorganics, petroleum-related semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and polychlorinated biphenyls in the surface soils. In 2002, an environmental investigation conducted by a private consultant on a number of properties identified several hot spots of soil contamination by petroleum-related hydrocarbons and pesticides. In 1999, an investigation of the former SDM Diesel property identified elevated levels of diesel range organics (DRO) in groundwater.

Current Status

The Baltimore Development Corporation has applied to the Voluntary Cleanup Program seeking a Certificate of Completion for future industrial use for the property. The VCP is currently reviewing the application and is awaiting the completion and submittal of updated Phase I and Phase II reports for the properties.

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