Baltimore City

Late

1800s Property used for commercial purposes, including coal and wood

storage.

12/17/99- VCP application received for the property.

2110 HAINES STEET Baltimore, Maryland (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Description

This 3.1-acre property is located at the southeastern terminus of Haines Street in an commercial-industrial section

of Baltimore, Maryland. The property is comprised of two rectangular plots of undeveloped land. The majority of the site is covered by loose stone and gravel. There are no structures or buildings on the property. The site is currently used as a private parking lot for the nearby Baltimore Ravens football stadium. Access to the site is restricted by a chain-link fence and gate located along the northern boundary.

The property is near the confluence of Gwynn's Falls and Middle Branch of the Patapsco River. It is surrounded on three sides by land owned by the City of Baltimore beyond which is the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River.

There are no public utilities currently supplying the property. There are no private wells located within two miles of the site.

Environmental Concerns

Since the late 19th century, the site has been used for commercial purposes, including coal and wood storage, telephone pole storage, trailer truck sales, and barge manufacturing. There is concern that some of these past site uses may have contaminated soil and groundwater on the property.

To date, environmental investigations at the property have identified the presence of benzo(a)pyrene in some soil samples at levels exceeding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III industrial risk-based concentration for this constituent. In addition, benzo(b)fluoranthene, fluoranthene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, dibenz(a,h)anthracene, chromium, copper, and arsenic, have been identified in soil samples at levels exceeding the EPA Region III residential risk-based soil concentrations for these constituents. Elevated lead levels as high as 1,700 parts per million have also been identified in the on-site soil.

Sampling of the groundwater on the site indicates the presence of fluorene, fluoranthene, pyrene, benzo(a)anthracene, chrysene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, benzo(a)pyrene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, and acenapthene, at levels exceeding the EPA Region III risk-based tap water concentrations for these compounds.

Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Status

On December 17, 1999, the Department received a VCP application for the site. The Department reviewed the application and determined the applicant needed to confirm that a reported abandoned septic system was no longer on the site. On January 10, 2000, the applicant notified the Department that it will not be able to perform this work for three to six months. The Department will await the findings of this work when it is completed. The Department granted the applicant inculpable person status on December 16, 1999.

The applicant plans to construct a building on the property, with associated parking areas, to house telecommunications equipment.

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