

Facts About...

General Motors Site-Area C PROPERTY (VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM)

Site Location:

The former General Motors Corporation (GM) Baltimore Assembly Plant is located at 2122 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland. Area C is the approximately 81.325-acre portion of the Facility that includes the main assembly plant. The main assembly building formerly comprised 2,900,000 square feet of space on two floors

Topographically, the property is relatively flat. The closest surface water body to Area B is Colgate Creek, which is located approximately 0.25 miles south-southeast of the site. Colgate Creek flows southward to the Patapsco River. Public water and sanitary sewer serve both the site and the surrounding area.

Site History:

The Facility housed automobile assembly operations from 1936 until plant closure on May 13, 2005, and is now vacant and undergoing demolition activities. The main assembly building formerly comprised 2,900,000 square feet of space on two floors and contained automobile process and assembly operations. Area C also contained several peripheral structures to the main plant including the powerhouse, pump house, driveaway building, the water tower and the central wastewater treatment plant. The property was purchased by Duke Baltimore, LLC (Duke) from GM in January 2006. The structures associated with the former manufacturing facility are being demolished and the debris sorted for recycling. Duke plans to redevelop the site for commercial and/or industrial use.

Environmental Investigations and Actions:

The facility operated under a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Controlled Hazardous Substance (CHS) facility permit from February 1999 until February 2004. The CHS permit was closed following submittal of a closure report on April 10, 2006. The facility maintains an NPDES Stormwater permit that expires on December 31, 2008. On February 22, 2006, Duke entered into a Facility Lead Agreement with Region 3 so that RCRA Corrective Action activities could be conducted under the Region 3 Facility Lead Program concurrent with the VCP application process.

Previous environmental investigations identified elevated levels of chlorinated organic and petroleum compounds in the shallow and deep monitoring wells. Site wide environmental investigations conducted in 2005 and 2006 identified elevated levels of metals, primarily lead, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons in the soil.

Current Status:

On January 17, 2007, Duke Baltimore, LLC received expedited inculpable person status. On July 29, 2006, Duke Baltimore, LLC, submitted a VCP application seeking a Certificate of Completion as an inculpable person. The Department is currently evaluating the application package.

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