



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT:

West 25th and North Howard Street Properties-West Side (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The West 25th Street and North Howard Street Properties-West Side encompass six separate parcels totaling 7.6-acres and are located at 2500 Huntingdon Avenue, 300, 330 and 400 West 24th Street, 204 West Ware Street and 2438 North Howard Street in Baltimore City, Maryland. Site improvements include seven multi-story commercial buildings and paved parking covers the majority of the property. The property is bounded to the north by Huntingdon Avenue and a gasoline station and commercial buildings and residential row homes beyond, to the south by West 24th Street with commercial buildings beyond, to the east by North Howard Street and the West 25th and North Howard Street property-East Side beyond and to the west by Sisson Street, a CSX rail spur and West 26th Street beyond. The topography of the site decreases approximately 20 feet from the northeast to southwest and groundwater was encountered approximately 12 feet below ground surface. The nearest surface water body is Stony Run located approximately 700 feet west of the property.

Site History

In 1915, a city storage yard and residential row homes occupied the northern portion of the site while the Indian Refining Company, the Maryland Lime and Cement Company and a church occupied the southern portion of the site. In 1928, the Security Oil Company replaced the Indian Refining Company. By 1951, the Security Oil Company relocated to the northern portion of the site and a rug cleaning company operated at the row homes just north of West Ware Alley. Currently, automotive sales and building contractors occupy the site.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In February 2010, a Phase I environmental site assessment (ESA) identified recognized environmental conditions associated with the current and former operations at the property. In March 2010, a Phase II environmental site assessment report was conducted that identified elevated concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons, metals and semi-volatile organic compounds in the soil and low level concentrations of volatile organic compounds in the groundwater.



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Current Status

On July 28, 2010, WV Baltimore-24 Sisson, LLC submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program as an inculpable person seeking a Certificate of Completion for future commercial land use for the property. The Department has requested an additional investigation at the property.



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