

AMOCO BALTIMORE ASPHALT TERMINAL PROPERTY
3901 Asiatic Avenue
Baltimore City, Maryland
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

This 60-acre property is located in a heavy industrial area of Baltimore City and is bordered to the east, south, and west by Curtis Bay. Delta Chemical is located north of the site.

Site History

The property is currently inactive with tank berms and two buildings (one is a 3,770 square foot, brick office building and the second building is a 3,200 square foot, metal, former boiler room building). The brick office building is in use by a part-time employee who acts as a caretaker and property manager. Constructed in 1922, the Baltimore Asphalt Terminal was used as a bulk transport terminal for gasoline and kerosene in the 1920s, after which it operated solely as an asphalt refinery until 1982. From 1982 until 1986, the facility operated as an asphalt storage terminal. In 1986 and 1987, the tanks were dismantled and the facility was decommissioned in the early 1990s. In 2001, the Oil Control Program issued a Notice of Violation for this site for petroleum-related issues.

Environmental Investigations

From 1982 through 2003, numerous investigations were conducted to evaluate conditions on the property. In 1988, groundwater sampling indicated the presence of volatile organic compounds, including toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes. In 1992, a site investigation indicated the presence of metals (found in groundwater, surface water, and soil), semi-volatile organic compounds (in groundwater), pesticides (in groundwater), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (in sediment). In 1999, the Site and Brownfields Assessments/State Superfund Division conducted a site survey and recommended further investigation of on-site hazardous waste. In 2001, an investigation concluded that soil was not significantly impacted by volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, metals, pesticides, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and does not significantly impact groundwater beneath the property. It was also concluded that soil does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment for non-residential land use. In August 2003, the Site and Brownfields Assessments/State Superfund Division determined that No Further Action was required and placed the site on the State's Formerly Investigated Sites list. In 2003, under the supervision of the Oil Control Program, the Corrective Action Plan was implemented.

Current Status

On November 26, 2003, BP Products North America submitted a VCP application as a responsible person, seeking a No Further Requirements Determination for this property. The Department approved the application for participation in the Voluntary Cleanup Program and issued a No Further Requirements Determination on January 21, 2004 for industrial or commercial use of this property and certain vapor barrier, and soil excavation and disposal requirements and a groundwater use prohibition. BP Products North America plans to sell or lease the property.

On January 9, 2004, the Oil Control Program rescinded the Notice of Violation for this property, contingent upon compliance with corrective actions under its supervision.

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