



Facts About...

STATION NORTH TOWNHOMES (1700 North Calvert Street) VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

Site Location:

This 0.9-acre property, located at 117 East Lafayette Street, is in a predominantly residential area of Baltimore City, but zoned for commercial use. East Lafayette Street borders the property to the north, beyond which, is a contractor supply company. Bordering the property to the south and west are East Lanvale Street and Hargrove Alley, respectively. East of the property is North Calvert Street, single-family residences are located opposite the property.

Site History:

According to Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps included in the environmental reports submitted for the property, prior to 1969 the site contained private residences and a commercial store, the details of which are unknown. The on-site structures were razed in 1974 and the property has since been used as a parking lot. Penn Lofts, LLC acquired the property from the City of Baltimore in October 2005.

Currently, the property is vacant and surrounded by a chain-linked fence.

Environmental Investigations and Actions:

In January 2004, an underground tank containing heating oil was removed from the property under the oversight of the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Oil Control Program.

A limited sub-surface investigation and laboratory testing report conducted at the property in March 2003 identified elevated levels of diesel range organics and gasoline range organics in the soil and groundwater beneath the property. Groundwater samples collected at the site also identified elevated levels of ethylbenzene, naphthalene and tert-butylbenzene.

Current Status:

Penn Lofts, LLC submitted an application package to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) on June 10, 2005, seeking a Certificate of Completion and inculpable person status. The Department reviewed the application package and requested additional information.

Additional information was submitted to the Department and the Station North Townhomes property was accepted into the VCP on August 8, 2005 and Penn Lofts, LLC was approved as an inculpable person. As a result of the review of the additional information, the Department determined that a response action plan (RAP) was necessary for the property.



Penn Lofts, LLC submitted a proposed RAP on June 21, 2005, and it was approved by the Department on September 13, 2005. On January 18, 2006, the Department issued a Certificate of Completion for restricted residential, commercial or industrial use of the property, with a prohibition on the use of groundwater beneath the property for any purpose.

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