



# ***Facts About...***

Moorings at Canton  
(Voluntary Cleanup Program-Withdrawn)

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## **Site Location**

The 4.8594-acre Moorings at Canton property is located at 2600 Boston Street in Baltimore City, Maryland.

## **Site History**

In 1902, W.F. Hemingway & Co. Oyster & Fruit Packers (warehouse building) operated on the northern portion of the property and the southern portion of the property was vacant. In 1914, J. E. Kirwan Canning Factory operated on the northern portion and Canton Lumber Co. operated on the remainder of the property. In 1928, W.H. McGee & Co. Oyster Packing occupied the northern warehouse building and Lord Mott Co., a battery salvaging operation, occupied the remainder. In 1953, the warehouse buildings were razed and most of the property is vacant land. In 1964, the property remained vacant and fill material is being added. In 1972, the property remained vacant and with fill to the end of the bulkhead. In 1985, two building existed along the northern site border.

## **Environmental Investigations and Actions**

An October 1994 Phase I environmental site assessment (ESA) and subsurface investigation at the property noted that the property is characterized by fill material containing chrome tailings, ash, shells, brick, glass, gravel, sand and clay. Five soil borings identified chrome tailings from 5 feet below ground surface (bgs) to 15 feet bgs.

In March 2004, a Phase I ESA reiterates the findings of the previous Phase I ESA. A subsequent Phase II ESA completed in May 2004 included twelve boring locations with soil and groundwater samples collected from each boring. The analytical results confirmed the presence of metals (antimony, arsenic, chromium, mercury, nickel and lead) contamination in across the property at varying depths.

## **Current Status**

On June 1, 2004, Cignal Corporation submitted an application as an inculpable person seeking a Certificate of Completion for residential use of the property. On September 22, 2004, the VCP accepted the property for participation and indicated that although a draft remediation plan had previously been submitted, a detailed proposed Response Action Plan (RAP) was required for the property that included further site characterization related to potential mercury vapors in the fill material at the property. On January 10, 2005, the VCP notified the participant that all construction activities must cease at the property by January 21, 2005 and remain in effect until a proposed RAP had been submitted to the VCP and public participation requirements had been met. On March 10, 2005, the VCP withdrew acceptance of the application and terminated participation in the VCP for the property.



## Contact

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3493.

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