



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

**1501 Saint Paul Street  
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)**

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## **Site Location**

The 1501 Saint Paul Street property, totaling approximately 1.56-acres, is located in Baltimore City, Maryland 21202. The property is located in a mixed commercial/industrial/residential use area and is bounded by Penn Station rail tracks to the north, elevated Saint Paul Street to the east, Penn Station concrete parking garage and an elevated Calvert Street to the west and the Jones Falls expressway to the south. The closest surface water body is Stony Run, which is located approximately twelve hundred feet west of the property boundary. Surface drainage appears to flow south towards the Jones Falls Expressway.

## **Site History**

The United States Parcel Post Station operated on the property from 1929 until 1974. In 1974, the Housing Authority of Baltimore City purchased the property for use as a warehouse and maintenance facility yard. Currently, an elevated vacant three-story building exists on site. The ground level is currently used as a parking lot for Amtrak employees at Penn Station.

## **Environmental Actions and Investigations**

In August 2002, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was conducted on the property that identified recognized environmental concerns due to previous use of the site. In January 2003, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment was conducted on the property, which confirmed elevated levels of metals, PAHs and diesel range organics in the soil. In May 2005, a renewed Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was conducted onsite. In July 2006, the Oil Control Program (OCP) of the Maryland Department of the Environment finalized the abandonment in place of a 12,000-gallon heating oil underground storage tank. In November 2006, a Supplemental Phase II Environmental Site Assessment was conducted on the property that confirmed elevated levels of metals, PAHs and diesel range organics in the soil and light non-aqueous petroleum liquid in the shallow groundwater.

## **Current Status**

On December 8, 2005, Railway Express, LLC submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program application seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) as an inculpable person. Future property use was indicated as Tier 1B residential use (restricted). In November 2006, the OCP began free product recovery oversight. On December 6, 2006, the Department accepted the property into the program for a Certificate of Completion and confirmed the inculpable persons status of the applicant. On October 22, 2007, the Department approved the proposed RAP. The response action plan was successfully implemented and the Department issued a Certificate of Completion on March 13, 2008.

## **Contact**

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

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