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FACTS ABOUT:

1801 EAST OLIVER STREET & 1731 LLEWELYN AVENUE PROPERTY (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The 1801 East Oliver Street and 1731 Llewelyn Avenue property is located at these addresses in Baltimore City, Maryland. This 3.9-acre property is situated in a residential area that is bounded to the north by East Oliver Street, to the west by Rutland Avenue, to the east by North Wolfe Street, and to the south by North Gay Street and Amtrak's Northeast Corridor. Surface water from the property flows to the city storm water management system located on and below the streets. Water and sanitary sewer are supplied to the property from the City of Baltimore.

Site History

The property consists of an L-shaped lot with several stand-alone buildings and several partially-paved parking areas. The earliest use of the East Oliver Street parcel was as a Baltimore City Waterworks Pumping Station and Repair Shop; two brick facade buildings on this parcel were constructed in the 1890s and a third was built in the early 1900s. Two other brick buildings on the East Oliver Street parcel were constructed in the mid-1900s.

The Clendenin Brothers Tack and Nail Manufacturing Company and The Roman Fuel Company operated historically at the Llewelyn Avenue address. One building was built in 1900 with the newer warehouse building constructed in 1965. The current property owner of the parcels is the City of Baltimore.

Environmental Investigations

In 1987, two underground storage tanks were reported to the Oil Control Program (OCP) at the East Oliver Street address and in 1991 both tanks were removed. When removed, the OCP noted that the tanks had numerous holes and subsequently two monitoring wells were installed at the property. Free product was hand bailed weekly from the wells until the case was closed by the OCP in 1997.

A March 2012 Phase I environmental site assessment for the parcels identified the former uses for auto and electrical repair, a fuel company, and metals manufacturing as recognized environmental conditions. A subsequent Phase II environmental site investigation in August 2012 identified heavy metals and carcinogenic polycyclic



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aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs) in the soils at the property. Also identified at the property were several drums with unknown contents.

The Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) issued comments that required additional sampling and characterization and removal of the drums from the property. Sampling was completed which indicated that surface soils near the building were not impacted and elevated levels of mercury at the property were not a potential vapor concern. The identified drums were tested and removed from the property.

Current Status

On January 4, 2013, Eastern Pumping, LLC submitted an application to the VCP as an inculpable person seeking a No Further Requirements Determination for Tier 2B (Commercial Restricted) future use of the property. On November 20, 2013, a second applicant, Baltimore Food Hub, applied to the program as an inculpable person, and on May 29, 2014, the two applicants were accepted into the program pending the development of a response action plan (RAP) to address the identified heavy metals and cPAHs in soils at the property.

The RAP was submitted on July 7, 2014 and a public meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2014 at the Enoch Pratt Free Library - Orleans Street Branch.

