



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

## **General Motors Site–Area B PROPERTY (VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM)**

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### **Site Location:**

The former General Motors Corporation (GM) Baltimore Assembly Plant is located at 2122 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224. Area B includes an approximately 52-acre portion of the Facility located immediately north of the Main Assembly Plant and south of Holabird Avenue.

Topographically, the property is relatively flat. The closest surface water body to Area B is Colgate Creek, which is located approximately 0.25 mile south-southeast of the site. Colgate Creek flows southward to the Patapsco River. The site and vicinity receive public water and sanitary sewer services.

### **Site History:**

The Facility housed automobile assembly operations from 1936 until plant closure on May 13, 2005, and is now vacant and undergoing demolition activities. Prior to GM's ownership, Area B was occupied by American Standard and housed plumbing fixture manufacturing activities. The property was purchased by Duke Baltimore, LLC (Duke) from GM in January 2006. The structures associated with the former manufacturing facility are being demolished and the debris sorted for recycling. Duke plans to redevelop the site for commercial and/or industrial use.

### **Environmental Investigations and Actions:**

On February 22, 2006, Duke entered into a Facility Lead Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Region III) so that RCRA Corrective Action activities could be conducted under the Region III Facility Lead Program concurrent with the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VC) application process.

Environmental investigations conducted in 2005 and 2006 identified the elevated levels of metals, primarily lead, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and chlorinated organic compounds in the soil. Chlorinated organic compounds were also detected in shallow groundwater monitoring wells.

### **Current Status:**

On January 17, 2007, Duke Baltimore, LLC received expedited inculpable person status. On July 29, 2006, Duke Baltimore, LLC, submitted a VCP application seeking a Certificate of Completion as an inculpable person.

On February 27, 2007, the VCP notified Duke Baltimore, LLC that the property was accepted into the program but was not eligible for a No Further Requirements Determination. Instead, a Response Action Plan (RAP) would be necessary to address the metals and volatile organics exceeding the Department's non-residential clean-up standards. The proposed RAP was submitted on March 19, 2007 and the public informational meeting was held on April 10, 2007.



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