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FACTS ABOUT: America's Body Company

Site Location

The 5.5 acre America's Body Company, Inc. (ABC) property is located at 6401 Aaron Lane in Clinton, Prince George's County, Maryland approximately 10 miles southeast of Washington, D.C. The property currently includes two buildings, a production building and an office/inspection building and gravel covered parking and storage areas. The property is bounded to the north by Aaron Lane with several auto repair facilities beyond, to the east by an abandoned property, to the south by a wooded area with residences beyond and to the west by an additional auto repair facility, shopping center, restaurant and Chem-Met International.

Site History

The first known development of the property was in the early 1960s by a heavy equipment repair facility. In 1989, the Independence Trucking Company purchased the property. Operations included assembly of truck bodies onto truck chassis including operation of a spray-booth to paint the truck bodies and generation of paint-related wastes.

In 1997, Independence Trucking Company changed its name to America's Body Company. Current operations at the property include assembly of pre-manufactured truck bodies onto new truck chassis including landscape bodies, dump trucks, lift trucks, vans, stake bodies and snow plows. The assembly includes metal fabricating, welding, mechanical fastening, and installation of hydraulic systems and related engine components. Although the facility includes a spray booth, currently only touch up painting is completed on the property.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In 1988, limited soil and groundwater samples were collected from south of the production building. Samples were analyzed for metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), total petroleum hydrocarbons – diesel range organics (TPH-DRO), TPH-gasoline range organics (TPH-GRO) and volatile organic compounds. In 1988, test pits were completed in the fill area to determine the types of waste present. Fill was encountered 1 to 2 feet below ground surface and consisted of wood, pipe wire, tires and construction debris. A sample of trapped water collected from the area contained trichloroethene (TCE).



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In 1997, a Phase I environmental site assessment was conducted that identified the fill areas and conflicts in UST information as potential environmental concerns. A subsequent geotechnical investigation included the collection of two soil samples for TPH-DRO and TPH-GRO. The shallow soil sample contained TPH-DRO at 3900 ppm.

In 2005, a Phase I environmental site assessment identified the historic presence of four 4,000-gallon underground storage tanks, presence of a “junk fill” area with TCE previously identified in trapped water, and the presence of three aboveground storage tanks as potential areas of concern. The assessment also noted several regulatory compliance issues and the potential for floor drains with unknown discharge points.

Current Status

On July 10, 2006, America’s Body Company, Inc., the property owner, submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) as a responsible person seeking a Certificate of Completion (COC) for future industrial use of the property. On May 19, 2008, the VCP accepted the property for participation in the VCP and issued a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) for restricted industrial use of the property with a prohibition on the use of the groundwater beneath the property for any purpose. The NFRD is recorded in the Land Records at Liber 29764, Folio 0661.

