

**BATA SHOE – MAIN PLANT
BELCAMP, MD**

Site Location

The Bata Shoe-Main Plant facility was located at 4501 Pulaski Highway (U.S. Route 40), in Belcamp, Harford County, Maryland. It was located on the Bush River near the confluence with Church Creek.

The entire Bata Shoe facility originally consisted of 148 acres. On that 148 acres, there were three areas of interest: the Main Plant facility, the landfill, and the waste lagoons. The waste lagoons and the landfill area were addressed separately from the Main Plant area. The fenced 20-acre Main Plant area that remained was located on the western portion of the property. It consisted of several buildings, an open shed, two concrete basins, and paved areas.

Site History

The Bata Shoe Company began manufacturing footwear at the facility in the late 1930s and continued to do so until approximately 2001. Products produced at the facility mainly consisted of rubber, plastic, and rubber and canvas shoes and boots. A variety of processes were used, including latex processing, adhesives mixing and application, and plastisol (polyvinyl chloride slush) molding.

Bata Shoe stored process oils, waste oils, solvents and gasoline in 19 underground storage tanks and one above ground storage tank, beginning in the 1950s. By 1994, all of the tanks except for three underground storage tanks had been removed.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

Numerous investigations have been done at the Bata Shoe facility, beginning in 1982. The investigations indicate some low level organic contamination in the plant area related mostly to leaking fuel storage tanks. Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, a plasticizer used in processing, was also detected at low levels. Minimal inorganics contamination was detected as well. However, no human health risks associated with potential residential use were identified.

In 1997, an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) was signed between MDE, Bata Shoe and BLC Properties. BLC Properties was a sister company to Bata Shoe and was responsible for the sale of the Bata Shoe property for commercial and residential purposes. The purpose of the ACO was to identify the extent of contamination and to evaluate, determine and implement any remedial actions that might be necessary under the State Deferral Pilot Program. Groundwater use was also restricted at that time to non-contact cooling water for the industrial processes at the plant, and potable water was already supplied by to the plant the Harford County Department of Public Works.

Current Status

The property has changed hands several times since 1997, being purchased most recently

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by The Realty Associates Fund VII, L.P. The Main Plant Building was demolished in late 2004.

Planned or Potential Future Action

The Main Plant area is planned for future commercial and/or residential use.

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Site Repositories

Project files are located at MDE's offices at 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD, 21230. A document list is also available for review.