

## Baltimore City

1896-1921	Property operated as a freight depot by Baltimore Annapolis Railroad.
1921	Seaboard Steel and Iron Corporation (SSI) purchased property. The distribution and cutting of steel and iron products commenced.
1988	SSI operations ceased.
11/6/01	VCP applications submitted by SSI Realty Corporation and Chesapeake Biological Laboratories (CBL) as responsible and inculpable persons, respectively, seeking a No Further Requirements Determination.

## SSI REALTY CORPORATION PROPERTY 710 W. Ostend Street, 730 and 801-819 W. West Street Baltimore, Maryland (Voluntary Cleanup/Brownfields Division)

### **Site Description**

The 1.5-acre SSI (Seaboard Steel and Iron) Realty Corporation property is located in a mixed-use area of Baltimore City. This property comprises three small contiguous parcels and is improved with a warehouse, office building, and open-air parking lot. Except for a few strips of grass, site soils are contained beneath building structures and an asphalt parking lot. Potable water and sewer services are provided to the property and vicinity by Baltimore City. The Middle Branch, a tributary of the Patapsco River and the nearest surface water body, is located approximately one-half mile southeast of the property. Groundwater beneath the property flows to the southeast toward the Middle Branch.

### **Site History**

The Baltimore Annapolis Railroad operated a freight depot at the property from 1896 to 1921. Between 1921 and 1988, SSI utilized the property primarily for the distribution and processing (i.e., cutting) of steel and iron products. Steel stock was transported to the property via the railroad until the 1950s. The warehouse was constructed in 1921, expanded in 1937, and renovated in 1971. The office building was constructed in 1951.

SSI Realty Corporation currently owns the property and leases the warehouse and office building to Chesapeake Biological Laboratories (CBL). CBL is currently completing renovations to the warehouse and office buildings in anticipation of beginning operations of a medical supply pre-packaging facility in March 2002.

### **Environmental Concerns**

Environmental investigations conducted in 2001 identified contaminants in soils and groundwater. Soils contained elevated levels of petroleum compounds, metals [arsenic, lead, and mercury], and a semi-volatile organic compound [benzo(a)pyrene]. Groundwater contained elevated levels of petroleum compounds, volatile organic compounds [benzene, 1,2-dichloroethane, isopropylbenzene, trichloroethene, and carbon disulfide], and a semi-volatile organic compound [naphthalene].

### **Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Status**

On November 6, 2001, the VCP received applications from SSI Realty Corporation and CBL seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) as responsible and inculpable persons, respectively. On December 21, 2001, the Department requested additional information, including supplemental samples, to complete these application packages. Supplemental samples were subsequently collected, and currently the Department is awaiting the submission of the requested information.

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