



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

Industrial Towel Supply, Inc.  
(VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM)

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## **Site Description:**

This 2.45-acre property, located at 136 Lafayette Avenue, is in a zoned industrial area of historic Laurel, Prince George's County, Maryland. Industrial buildings border the property to the east and west, while Lafayette Avenue borders the property to the north. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission supplies municipal water and sewer services to the property.

## **Site History:**

Based on information provided in the Phase I site assessment for the property, prior to 1955 the site was a vacant lot. The western building, which houses facility operations and the administrative offices, was built in 1968 and industrial laundry practices have been performed on the property since construction of the facility. From 1972 to 1974, a dry cleaning operation was also conducted at the facility in conjunction with the industrial laundry processes. During 1980 and 1989, several improvements were made to the property, including the construction of the east building and a vehicle maintenance shop.

Currently, the property consists of three buildings, paved parking areas, two sheds, and several aboveground storage tanks used in conjunction with the wastewater treatment operations and laundry processes conducted onsite.

## **Environmental Investigations and Actions:**

In November 1989, two underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed from the property. The excavated USTs were in good condition and no contamination in the soil was noted around either tank. In addition, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Air and Radiation Management Administration has files for the active facility that contain numerous odor complaints for the site over the past 16 years.

Several environmental investigations have been conducted at the property. A Phase I environmental site assessment (ESA) performed at the property in February 2004 noted the historical use of dry cleaning solvents in the facilities' operations. In April 2004, a limited Phase II ESA conducted at the property noted the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and total petroleum hydrocarbon diesel range organics and gasoline range organics in the soil, and VOCs in the groundwater beneath the property. The concentrations of all detected compounds were below the non-residential Cleanup Standards for Soil and Groundwater, August 2001.

In September 2005, the MDE's Federal Superfund Division completed a Brownfields site assessment at the property. Based on the results of the soil and groundwater samples collected as part of the site assessment, the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) requested the collection of subslab soil gas samples. The subslab soil gas samples, collected in November 2005 and March 2006, reported elevated concentrations of a dry cleaning solvent, tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene and cis-1,2-dichloroethene.



During September and October 2009, soil vapor extraction (SVE) and monitoring points were installed at the property in order to evaluate the effectiveness of a SVE system in the western production building located on the property. A SVE system pilot test was performed at the building which demonstrated that a subslab venting system would be effective in mitigating soil vapors beneath the concrete floor of the western production building. Installation of a subslab venting system is the remedy proposed in the revised proposed RAP for the property.

**Current Status:**

On September 23, 2004, G&K Services submitted a VCP application, as a responsible person, for the Industrial Towel Supply, Inc. property. During the review of the application package, the VCP determined that a Response Action Plan (RAP) was necessary for the property.

On February 12, 2007, the Department accepted the Industrial Towel Supply, Inc. property into the VCP and requested the development of a RAP in order to address potential risks associated with the property. G&K Services submitted a proposed RAP for the property on August 19, 2008, and a public informational meeting to discuss the proposed RAP was held on September 25, 2008 at the Laurel Swimming Pool Club Room in Laurel, Maryland. On December 9, 2008, the VCP issued comments on the proposed RAP and requested the submission of a revised proposed RAP for the property. Subsequently, on June 3, 2009, the application for the Industrial Towel Supply, Inc. property was considered withdrawn from the VCP when the revised proposed RAP was not submitted to the Department.

On February 17, 2010, G&K Services Co. submitted a new VCP application package, which included a revised proposed RAP, for the Former Industrial Towel Supply, Inc. property, in order to complete the voluntary cleanup program. The application package, including the revised proposed RAP, for the Former Industrial Supply Inc property was accepted for participation in the VCP on June 23, 2010. Subsequently, on September 21, 2010, the VCP issued comments on the revised proposed RAP and requested the submission of another revised proposed RAP which addressed remaining issues.

On February 10, 2011, the Department accepted the revised proposed RAP submitted for the Former Industrial Supply Inc property. Approval of the revised RAP dated February 4, 2011, is based on future use of the property for restricted industrial purposes. The approved RAP is currently being implemented at the property.

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For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3493.

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