

# Public Notice: Sparrows Point Terminal LLC (Trade Point Atlantic) – Sparrows Point, MD

**DATE OF THIS NOTICE:** 4/5/2020

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed remedy for Parcels of property, Parcels A2, A3, B3, B4 Remnant Area, and B15, respectively, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the former Sparrows Point Facility (Facility). EPA's proposed remedies for soils at the Parcels are as follows:

- Parcel A2 – Compliance with an approved Soil Management Plan and Land Use Restrictions implemented through Institutional Controls (ICs).
- Parcel B3 – Land use restrictions implemented through ICs.
- Parcel A3- Soil excavation, installation of an engineered cap, compliance with an approved Soil Management Plan and Land Use Restrictions implemented through ICs
- Parcel B4 Remnant Area – Soil excavation, compliance with an approved Soil Management Plan; soil vapor intrusion investigation and remediation as necessary, and Land Use Restrictions implemented through ICs
- B15 – Installation of an engineered cap, compliance with an approved Soil Management Plan and Land Use Restrictions implemented through ICs.

This Statement of Basis does not include a proposed final remedy for groundwater. EPA will issue a separate SB for Facility-wide groundwater and solicit public comment on its proposal once the groundwater at the entire Facility has been evaluated. In the interim, EPA, is proposing groundwater use restrictions at the Parcels to prevent all uses of shallow groundwater until a final remedy for Facility-wide groundwater is selected.

## **Summary of Proposed Action:**

RCRA Corrective Action - Cleanup Proposal

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:** The Facility comprises a 3,100-acre peninsula in Baltimore Harbor (Sparrows Point Peninsula or Peninsula), generally bounded by the Back River, Bear Creek, and the Northwest Branch of the Patapsco River. In 1887, Maryland Steel built an iron furnace on the Facility, and the first iron was cast in 1889. The Bethlehem Steel Corporation (BSC) purchased the property in 1916 and enlarged it, building mills to produce hot rolled sheet, cold rolled sheet, galvanized sheet tin mill products, and steel plate. During peak production in 1959, BSC operated 12 coke oven batteries, 10 blast furnaces, and four open hearth furnaces at the Facility. Trade Point Atlantic (TPA), the current owner of the Facility, is subdividing the Facility into parcels for redevelopment. EPA understands that TPA has already leased several of the Parcels and that development and construction are currently under way. Chemicals of concern (COCs) include volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and inorganics (e.g., mercury).

**INFORMATION AVAILABILITY:** Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveaction/hazardous-waste-cleanup-sparrows-point-llc-sparrows-point-md>. The Administrative Record, which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed remedy, is available at U.S. EPA Mid-Atlantic Region, Mail Code: **3LD10**, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. Office hours are: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For additional information, contact: Project Manager, **Moshood Oduwole** at EPA Mid-Atlantic's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-3362 or Email: [oduwole.moshood@epa.gov](mailto:oduwole.moshood@epa.gov).

**COMMENT PROCESS:** Persons to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 30-day comment period ending **5/5/2020**. Interested persons may also request a public hearing on this proposed remedy. All comments and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or email to the EPA Project Manager, Moshood Oduwole as listed above, and must be received prior to **5/5/2020**. All comments will be considered in making a final decision.

**FINAL DECISION:** EPA will make a final decision after considering all comments, consistent with applicable RCRA requirements and regulations. If the remedy is substantially unchanged from the one in this notice, EPA will issue a final decision and inform all persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of EPA's final determination. If the remedy is significantly

different from the one proposed, EPA will issue a public notice explaining the new remedy and will reopen the comment period.