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**Geauga County Property Receives Covenant Not to Sue  
Under Ohio EPA's Voluntary Action Program**

Through the voluntary efforts of a Geauga County company, a Newbury Township brownfield is ready for redevelopment after being investigated and remediated under Ohio EPA's [Voluntary Action Program](#) (VAP). Ohio EPA has issued a covenant not to sue to DistTech Inc. for a 4.28-acre parcel located at 11250 Kinsman Road. Issuance of the covenant completes DistTech's participation in the VAP.

DistTech is a liquid bulk commodities distributor. The company's remediated site is part of a larger property that was once home to the Manfredi Motor Transit Company, a transporter of solvents, oils, paints and other bulk liquids.

Following standards developed by Ohio EPA, DistTech hired a certified environmental professional to assess the site, identify any areas of concern and remediate contamination to a level that allows for commercial or industrial redevelopment. An operations and maintenance agreement will ensure the company continues to monitor ground water at the site.

A covenant not to sue protects the property's owner or operator and future owners from being legally responsible to the State of Ohio for further investigation and remediation. This protection applies only when the property is used and maintained in accordance with the terms and conditions of the covenant.

In the 16 years since Ohio EPA issued the first covenant under VAP, more than 6,000 acres of blighted land have been revitalized at more than 300 sites across the state.

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