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H.B. Fuller Company Completes Brownfield Cleanup Under Ohio EPA's Voluntary Action Program

By participating in a voluntary Ohio EPA program aimed at revitalizing property, H.B. Fuller has verified its property in Blue Ash is suitable for commercial and industrial use. The buildings on the 15.8-acre property, located at 4440 Malsbary Road, Blue Ash, are used to manufacture adhesives and sealants.

In the mid-1980s, a release of some of the materials used in the manufacturing process occurred. Following standards developed by Ohio EPA, H.B. Fuller hired a VAP-certified environmental professional to assess the site and identify areas of environmental concern.

Although known releases were cleaned up over the years, the company wanted to ensure any possible remaining contamination was accounted for and addressed. The certified professional sampled the property and reviewed the sampling results. Eight areas on the site were identified as having known or suspected releases. The company continues to use the property to manufacture its products.

The covenant not to sue completes H.B. Fuller's participation in the VAP, where property owners take the initiative to clean up on-site contamination. The covenant serves as a stamp of approval for work completed and releases the property's current owners from liability for past releases of hazardous substances and petroleum.

Ohio EPA audits at least 25 percent of properties that apply for a release of liability to determine if the assessment followed the rule requirements and cleanup standards have been met. This ensures the public and future property owners that the businesses or individuals who performed the investigations, testing and cleanups have followed appropriate rules and standards.

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. For more information on the VAP program and the properties cleaned, visit: <http://epa.ohio.gov/derr/volunt/volunt.aspx>.

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