

CBS Corp./Viacom Bridgeport, Connecticut

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action Reuse Success Stories

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Property Details

Property Address:	1421 State Street
Property Size:	5.6 acres
Former Use:	Manufacturer of electronic devices; metal plating and finishing
Contaminants Found:	Arsenic, cyanide, lead, copper, zinc, tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene, vinyl chloride
Proposed Use:	Industrial/commercial
Current Owner:	AKDO

Project Partners

- Bridgeport Office of Planning and Economic Development
- CBS Corp./Viacom
- CT Department of Economic Development
- CT Department of Environmental Protection
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1

Funding Details

EPA Brownfields Assessment Pilot Grant, 1994
CT Development Authority Direct Loan

Project Highlights

Named RCRA/Brownfields Prevention Pilot, March 2000

Project Timeline

July 1997	RCRA Facility Investigation
September 2001	Human Exposure Under Control Migration of Contaminated Groundwater Under Control
December 2005	Remedy Selection
August 2007	Construction Complete

Facility History:

The Bryant Electronic Company opened this site as a manufacturing facility for electronic devices in 1888. The facility ultimately became a subsidiary and later a division of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Westinghouse acquired CBS in 1995 and through a series of corporate mergers and restructuring is now CBS Corporation. Metal plating and finishing work was conducted on site and resulted in volatile organic compounds (VOC) and other contaminants entering both the soil and groundwater. In 1988, all operations at the facility ceased. The City of Bridgeport acquired the title to the site from Viacom in 2000 with hopes of expanding Bridgeport's West End Redevelopment Project.

Clean-up Work:

The RCRA Corrective Action Program and the CT DEP began work at the site in 1988. EPA and CT DEP investigations identified 29 areas of potential environmental interest, 16 of which were related to on-site buildings. Ultimately, by 1996, Westinghouse, now CBS, had completed all decontamination and demolition of the facility buildings. CBS installed a soil vapor extraction/air-sparging system and a groundwater recovery and treatment system which are presently in operation to remediate contamination created by historical manufacturing at the site. CBS voluntarily expanded both systems in 2002 which, since activation have removed over 4,000 pounds of VOCs from the soil and 1,400 pounds of VOCs from the groundwater.



A former building being demolished and the current redevelopment

Project Results:

The CBS/Viacom site is an EPA New England RCRA/Brownfields Pilot Site. The project is a model of EPA RCRA Corrective Action successfully working with a state program,

in this case the CT Property Transfer Program, to meet requirements of both programs in unison. Project partners came together to execute a sustainable reuse plan that encourages economic redevelopment. Today the property holds the city's largest industrial facility built in the past 30 years. AKDO, a natural stone, slabs, tiles and handcrafted mosaic distributor, officially opened the doors to the new building in 2006. The building offers 10,000 square feet (sq ft) of showroom and 100,000 sq ft of warehouse. The AKDO Bridgeport Facility currently employs 90 workers.

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