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## **Cleveland Property is Cleaned Up Under Ohio EPA's Voluntary Action Program**

Through the voluntary efforts of AT&T Inc., a Cleveland brownfield has been investigated, cleaned and is ready for redevelopment.

Ohio EPA has issued a covenant not to sue to AT&T for cleaning up a 2.78-acre site located at 10615 Cedar Road. The covenant not to sue completes the company's participation in Ohio EPA's voluntary action program (VAP), where property owners take the initiative to clean up on-site contamination.

The property houses an active AT&T switch station and vehicle maintenance facility. Following standards developed by Ohio EPA, the company hired a certified environmental professional to assess the property and remove two identified areas of contaminated soil. An environmental covenant will prohibit construction on a small portion of the property, but the remainder of the site is now available for industrial or commercial redevelopment.

A covenant not to sue protects the property owner or operator and future owners from being legally responsible to the State of Ohio for further investigation and cleanup. This protection applies only when the property is used and maintained in the same manner as when the covenant was issued.

In the 14 years since Ohio EPA issued the first covenant under VAP, more than 4,350 acres of blighted land have been revitalized at more than 260 sites across the state. For more information on the VAP program and the properties cleaned, visit:

[www.epa.ohio.gov/derr/volunt/volunt.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/derr/volunt/volunt.aspx).

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