



68th Street Dump Site Baltimore County, Maryland Superfund Update

USEPA Region 3

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68th Street Dump Site Background

The site consists of five discrete areas of contamination, known as Source Areas, totaling approximately 150 acres. The Source Areas are spread across an undeveloped area of approximately 270 acres located near Rosedale in Baltimore County. (See the map below). The five on-site Source Areas, once used as landfills, were identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as potential sources of contamination. These areas received primarily industrial and commercial refuse, incinerator ash, and/or waste oils for a period of time extending from the mid-1940s through the early 1970s. The Source Areas have remained unused and undeveloped since about 1970, although random surface debris dumping has periodically continued.



Cleanup Planning Continues

In April 2006, EPA entered into an Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent with the 68th Street Landfill Sites Coalition (Coalition), a group of nineteen companies. Under the Order, the Coalition will conduct a comprehensive environmental investigation and develop a preliminary re-use plan for the site. During the last year, the Coalition prepared environmental investigation and re-use planning documents, which were reviewed and approved by the EPA.

Currently, work plans are being completed for the five Source Areas, and a separate work plan will address the streams, waterways and wetlands on the site. These plans are being reviewed by the EPA, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) for compliance with Superfund law and related environmental requirements.

As these plans and documents are reviewed and approved, they are posted on the EPA and Coalition websites for review by the public, and may be found at:

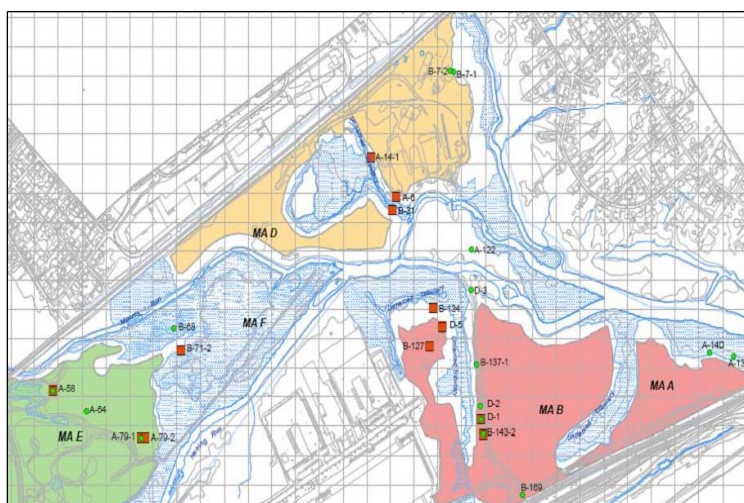
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/super/sites/MDD980918387/index.htm>
and
www.68thstreetlandfillsite.com.

The plans may be accessed through the internet available at the Rosedale Public Library or a personal computer, or viewed in person at the EPA - Region 3 offices in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Early Waste Removal Action Planned for the Site

An early removal action is planned for the site, prior to the full-scale investigation and clean-up. The removal action is needed to reduce the human health and ecological risks to on-site workers, trespassers and wildlife posed by surface contamination and debris. The early removal action will focus on soils, containers, and other waste materials at the surface of the site to which humans and wildlife may be exposed in the site's current condition.

In February 2008, field crews inspected exposed surface areas and containers identified during previous reconnaissance activities that might represent an elevated threat at the site. These surface areas were sampled, catalogued and categorized. The Coalition presented the results in an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) Report which was reviewed and approved by the EPA. In this EE/CA Report, the Coalition recommended the removal of soil and/or containers in 21 locations across the site. (See the map below).



Proposed Plan for Early Removal Action

The early removal action will include the removal and off-site disposal of: 1) selected containers located at the ground surface; 2) excavated soils from designated areas; and, 3) additional waste materials associated with general housekeeping activities. These activities are intended to address areas that may pose elevated risks to trespassers and on-site workers during the site-wide investigations which are necessary for the development of a final remedy, as well as to protect ecological receptors. Additional activities anticipated to support the early removal action include the following:

- Health and safety monitoring;
- Sampling drums and containers;
- Limited clearing of vegetation to enable access to the work areas;
- Backfilling excavated areas; and,
- Installing signage around the perimeter of the site.

It is anticipated that the early removal action will require four to six weeks, and will begin in late May 2008.

What Should the Public Expect to See?

Prior to final EPA approval of the early removal action, the public will be provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed plan. This public comment period will be

initiated with a public notice placed in the local newspapers, at which time the EE/CA Report will be available in the Administrative Record for the site. The public comment period will extend for 30 days, during which time a public information session will also be held to discuss the early removal action plan. After reviewing the public’s input, the removal action plan will be finalized. When the plan is approved by EPA, field work will begin. The initial work activities are currently expected to begin at the end of May 2008. After the removal action is completed, the site-wide investigations will begin.

Site work is anticipated to be performed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Access to the site by unauthorized personnel will not be allowed in order to minimize the potential for exposure to hazardous materials or conditions. The USEPA and MDE will perform periodic oversight throughout the site activities.

When is the Next Community Involvement Opportunity?

Opportunities for interested community members to have input to the clean-up and redevelopment process are available on a continuing basis by contacting the EPA Community Involvement Coordinator (Carrie Deitzel), listed below. In addition, periodic public information sessions will be held at key project milestones. One such milestone is the planned public information session. (See the information box below.) All interested parties are encouraged to participate.

Public notices of upcoming events, including the start of the early removal action public comment period and public information session, will appear in both weekly and daily newspapers, *The Avenue* and *The Examiner*, respectively. Direct mailings to those on EPA’s most current mailing list and those in close proximity to the site will also be sent. Site-specific information will be available on the EPA website.

For more information about this site, please contact:

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<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/super/sites/MDD980918387/index.htm>

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

May 7, 2008

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Presentation

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Open House

Listen to a presentation on the planned early removal action:

Keep up-to-date on the work at the Site.

Talk to us about your questions and concerns:

Speak with whomever *you* choose.

Learn about:

- 1. Early clean-up activities
- 2. Schedule and Path Forward
- 3. Public comment period
- 4. How *you* can be involved

The Rosedale Public Library
6105 Kenwood Avenue
Rosedale, Maryland 21237-2097

Bring your issues and concerns and talk, informally, with representatives of EPA, MDE, and the Cooperating Parties.

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