



# 68<sup>th</sup> Street Dump Site Baltimore County, Maryland Superfund Update

USEPA Region 3

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## 68<sup>th</sup> 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 dispersed 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 years extending from the mid-1940s through the early 1970s. The Source Areas have remained unused and undeveloped since that time except for random surface debris dumping thereafter.



## Cleanup Planning Continues

In April 2006, the EPA entered into an Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent with the 68<sup>th</sup> 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. The documents were subsequently reviewed and accepted by the EPA, and are posted on the websites for public review.

Currently, work plans are being developed addressing each of the five Source Areas. An additional work plan will address the 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 the plans are reviewed and approved, they are posted on the EPA and Coalition websites for review by the public. The work plans covering Source Area 5 (subdivided into Management Areas A and B) are now available, and may be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/super/sites/MDD980918387/index.htm>  
and  
[www.68thstreetlandfillsite.com](http://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 office in Philadelphia.

## Early Waste Removal Action Planned for the Site

As a part of the planning for site investigations, a reconnaissance was conducted to identify areas where waste is exposed at the surface. The wastes identified include household refuse, construction debris, industrial refuse and, in some locations, drums or other small storage containers. These wastes will be catalogued and categorized as part of an on-going Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA). An EE/CA work plan for screening and sampling various exposed wastes was prepared by the Coalition and accepted by EPA. On the basis of this sampling, certain materials may be removed or otherwise managed on-site so that the potential for human exposure to environmental hazards at the site is restricted. A public notice, meeting and comment period will be made available to provide comments on this plan prior to implementation. It is anticipated that implementing the EE/CA Work Plan and subsequent activities will require up to four months.

## Field Investigations Proposed for the Site

The site will be subdivided into up to six Management Areas to better manage site-wide investigations, remediation and re-use, as indicated on the map below. (The delineation of the Management Areas is described fully in the Site-Wide Program Management Plan posted on the websites.). Each Management Area will be investigated after surface waste removal activities are completed. The field studies will include the screening and testing of surface water, sediment, groundwater, soil and soil-gas for a wide range of potential environmental contaminants. Sample analyses will address not only contaminants of concern to humans who may become exposed to the Site, but also ecological receptors such as plants and water and land animals, and smaller life-forms.



## What Should the Public Expect in the Coming Months?

In February 2008, field crews began sampling the exposed surface wastes and containers. If needed, some wastes may be removed and disposed off-site or they may be otherwise managed on-site as described in the EE/CA Work Plan. A limited amount of clearing may

be necessary to obtain access to the removal locations. After the removal actions are completed, several field sampling teams will begin obtaining groundwater, surface-water, soil, sediment, and soil-gas samples both on and off the site. These efforts will continue for several months and will, periodically, include the use of drilling and other construction equipment.

Based on typical investigation activities, site work is anticipated to be performed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Work areas will be secured to discourage access by unauthorized personnel and to minimize their potential exposure to hazardous materials or conditions. 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 cleanup and redevelopment process are available on a continuing basis by contacting the EPA Community Involvement Coordinator (Carrie Deitzel), as listed below. In addition, periodic public information sessions will be held at key project milestones. One such milestone is the current initiation of field activities planned as indicated below. (See the information box below) All interested parties are encouraged to participate.

Public Notices of upcoming events, such as the Winter/Spring 2008 public information session and future public meetings, will appear in the weekly newspapers, *The Avenue* and *The Dundalk Eagle*. Direct mailings to those on EPA's most current mailing list and those in close proximity to the site will also be used. Site-specific information will also be available on the EPA website.

#### **For more information about this site, please contact:**

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Or log onto:

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

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.**

#### **Listen to a summary of the work completed to-date:**

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

#### **Participate in an interactive session:**

Know what to expect and when. Provide input to the Community Involvement Plan.

#### **Talk to us about your questions and concerns:**

Speak with whomever *you* choose.

#### **Learn about:**

- 1.) Findings,
- 2.) Next Steps,
- 3.) Redevelopment options,
- 4.) How you can be involved, and
- 5.) How to get independent technical assistance.

### **The Community College of Baltimore County – Essex Campus**

7201 Rossville Boulevard (J Building, Room 137)  
Baltimore, Maryland 21237-3899

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

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