



Facts About...

Bausch & Lomb, Inc. Oakland Plant
State Master List (MD-347)

Site Location

The former 91.39-acre Bausch & Lomb facility is located at 265 Glass Drive, Oakland, Garrett County, approximately 4 miles east of town. The facility is situated in a rural area that borders the Broadford Recreation Area to the east.

Site History

Bausch & Lomb, Inc. purchased the property in June 1970 to construct an ophthalmic glass grinding facility. In 1972, glass lens sunglass production began. Later, the facility began the manufacture of plastic and metal sunglasses frames. The facility was inspected regularly by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and later by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Hazardous Waste Program. The facility was permitted as a large quantity generator and in the 1990s, permitted as a small quantity generator until operations ceased in April 1996. Controlled Hazardous Substances (CHS) documented at the site include trichloroethylene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, tetrachloroethene, trichlorotrifluoroethane, methylene chloride, as well as caustic, corrosive and flammable liquids. The facility generally operated in compliance with only a few Site Complaints involving improperly marked drums. There have been no documented spills.

The Maryland Economic Development Corporation purchased the property from Bausch & Lomb, Inc. on March 30, 1998 and now leases the facility to the Simon Pearce Glassworks Company, an artisan glassblowing operation, warehouse and retail center.

Environmental Investigations

A Preliminary Assessment was completed by MDE in March 1993 that noted there has been no known groundwater, surface water, soil, or air samples collected in association with the site and that there have been no known reports of spills or releases from the site. The site was subsequently given "No Further Remedial Action Planned" status by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is listed on the State's "Formerly Investigated Sites" list.

Current Status

MDE has no further requirements for this site at this time.

Contact

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at 410 537-3440.

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