

BALTIMORE SMELTING COMPANY
Baltimore, Maryland

Site Location

The Baltimore Smelting Company is located at 227 South Central Avenue, in downtown Baltimore, Maryland. The site is in an industrial/ commercial area of the city, about one mile northeast of Baltimore Harbor. The operation is housed inside a building on a ¼-acre lot. The entire area is paved with concrete and asphalt.

Site History

Baltimore Smelting Company collects scrap metals from various sources and sells them when enough of a particular metal has been collected. At the time of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) site visit in October 1980, the firm was owned by Mr. H. Landsman and was known as H. Landsman and Sons. It is not known when Landsman purchased the site.

Environmental Investigations

The Baltimore Smelting Company was identified in the 1979 *Waste Disposal Site Survey* prepared by the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (The Eckhardt Report). EPA inspected the site in October 1980 and completed a *Potential Hazardous Waste Site Identification and Preliminary Assessment* form, which concluded that the company was erroneously listed in the Eckhardt report solely because the facility received scrap metal from American Cyanamid Company.

A *Preliminary Assessment* report based on the October 1980 site inspection reported that the company (1) handled only non-ferrous scrap metals for resale, (2) sorted and stored the metals in cleaned, used 55 gallon drums, and (3) had not in the past or currently hauled any hazardous materials. The report recommended that EPA take No Further Action. On November 21, 1980, a *Waiver of Contamination Potential Analysis* recommended No Further Action for Baltimore Smelting, and the waiver was confirmed by EPA, Water Supply Branch. On April 4, 1981, a *Potential Hazardous Waste Site, Final Strategy Determination* also recommended No Further Action on the Baltimore Smelting site.

Current Status

On July 1, 1984, the Waste Management Administration of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene published a Master List of all sites where the Department had reason to believe or had been notified that Controlled Hazardous Substances may be present. Subsequent to the publication of this list, the Department conducted further investigation of Department files and performed on-site investigations at a number of these sites. A status update was published in the Maryland Register on January 4, 1985. Based on this review, it was determined by the Administration that No Further Action at this site would be necessary and the site was deleted from the Master List. Since the site was also listed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System, a designation of No Further Remedial Action Planned by EPA would constitute a final decision by both the State and EPA based on the information that was available at the time.

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