

O.H. WILLIAMSON (MD-238)
Cockeysville, Baltimore County, Maryland

Site Location

The 2.5-acre O.H. Williamson site is located on the west side of Williamson Lane in Cockeysville, Baltimore County, Maryland, about 1/10 of a mile north of Cockeysville Road and just over ¼ of a mile west of the intersection of Cockeysville Road and York Road. As of 1986, the O'Shea Lumber Company, which sells hardwoods to furniture factories, millwork houses, and cabinet shops, occupies the site. Green lumber is brought to the site from the sawmill, then it is kiln-dried and stored on-site for sale to the customer. No wood-treatment occurs at the site and no wood is sent off-site to be treated. O.H. Williamson is listed as the current owner of the site.

Site History

The Mann and Parker Lumber Company was listed in the 1971-1972 Directory of Maryland Manufacturers as being involved in the wood-preserving industry, so it was placed on the Maryland Superfund Program's list of potential hazardous waste sites. During a telephone conversation with a Mann and Parker Lumber Company representative in New Freedom, Pennsylvania, a Maryland Waste Management Administration (MD WAS) representative was originally told that wood treatment did take place at the Cockeysville site. However, during a subsequent telephone conversation with Mr. George Null, the current Vice President of the Mann and Parker Lumber Company in New Freedom, MD WAS was notified that no wood treatment occurred at the Cockeysville facility. Mr. Null indicated, that, to his knowledge, since O'Shea took over the operation of the former Mann and Parker Lumber Company, the facility had been operated in much the same way as before the new owners took over.

Environmental Investigations

Since there was conflicting information concerning the wood treatment at this facility, a site visit and Preliminary Assessment were conducted in 1986. MD WAS personnel met Mr. James Anton, the Vice President of O'Shea Lumber Company, at the site in November of 1986. At that time, Mr. Anton explained that he and Mr. Michael O'Shea were the owners of the lumber company and that both he and Mr. O'Shea had previously worked for the Mann and Parker Lumber Company, which began operation in 1964. He and Mr. O'Shea took over the operation of the lumber company in April 1975 and they leased the property from Veneers, Inc., also located in Cockeysville. To their knowledge, there has never been any chemical wood treatment at this location.

Current Status

This site is on the State Master List that identifies potential hazardous waste sites in Maryland. The Master List includes sites currently identified in the U.S. Protections Agency's (EPA) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS). EPA has given the site a designation of No Further Remedial Action Planned (NFRAP). The designation of NFRAP by EPA does not mean that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has reached the same conclusion concerning further investigation at the site. The information contained in the fact sheet presents a summary of past investigations and site conditions currently known to MDE.

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