



Maryland Department of the  
Environment

## FACTS ABOUT: R.M. WINSTEAD SITE

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### Site Location

The R.M. Winstead Dump was located off 68<sup>th</sup> Street in Baltimore County, Maryland. The site is at the end of 68<sup>th</sup> Street just as it crosses over the railroad track that parallels Pulaski Highway. The site consists of the ruins of a chemical plant on the northeast side of the road. Coordinates for the site are latitude 39° 18.703' N and longitude 076° 31.043' W.

### Site History

Mr. R.M. Winstead, who leased 3.5 acres of land owned by Chessie System Railroads, was licensed as a certified hazardous waste hauler and operated a waste oil collection company. He intended to use this land as a hazardous waste transfer station and applied to EPA under Transport, Storage and Disposal regulations as a transporter. His request was later withdrawn.

Prior to 1953, the area of the site was farm land and swamp land. The area was then zoned for heavy industry use. Companies in the area began dumping waste, oil drums, and incinerator ash. Mr. Winstead operated the former La Crosse Chemical Company until the site was razed by fire in the early 1970s. After the chemical plant was destroyed, Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) began using an adjacent parcel as a staging and maintenance area. The property on which the site lies is now part of the area being addressed as the 68th Street Dump.

### Environmental Investigation and Action

MDE performed a Preliminary Assessment of the Winstead site in June 1985. MDE recommended that the site be addressed in conjunction with the larger 68<sup>th</sup> Street Dump site.

NUS, the EPA Field Inspection Team contractor, conducted a Site Inspection (SI) of the Winstead site in 1986. Samples collected during the SI revealed high concentrations of zinc, above average arsenic, and elevated iron, cadmium, and lead. The SI concluded that there may be a potential for metals to leach into underlying groundwater.

### Current Status

The site is being addressed as part of the 68<sup>th</sup> Street remediation.

The 68th Street Dump Site was proposed to the EPA's National Priorities List (NPL) on January 19, 1999 and re-proposed on April 30, 2003.



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Currently, the EPA and the Potentially Responsible Parties (the 68th Street Coalition) have agreed to address the site as a Superfund Alternative Site (SAS) rather than as an NPL site. In accordance with this decision, the site is being addressed in the same manner as if it were listed on the NPL. The SAS process allows portions of the site to be remediated and redeveloped in order to generate funds for the overall project.

The Settling Parties have developed a preliminary reuse evaluation, and the ongoing investigation is tied to the six management areas. The Remedial Investigation was completed in August 2012 and the draft Feasibility Study was submitted. The Feasibility Study evaluates remedial options for consideration by EPA to determine the appropriate cleanup action for the site.



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