

**BALTIMORE HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**Baltimore, Maryland**

**Site Location**

The Baltimore Housing Authority site is located at 222 East Saratoga Street in the Mt. Vernon area of Baltimore. The Lexington Market is to the immediate south and Mercy Hospital is to the northeast border the site. The Baltimore Housing Authority office is located in a downtown high-rise office building and is surrounded by other offices and commercial businesses.

**Site History**

The Baltimore Housing Authority site was used by the agency for the storage of fuel in underground tanks. The Department of Natural Resources' Water Resources Administration issued an order to the Baltimore Housing Authority to install a liquid level alarm system in their underground storage tanks by January 30, 1980.

**Environmental Investigations and Actions**

In June 1980, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) completed a *Potential Hazardous Waste Sites, Final Strategy Determination* form for the site, recommending No Further Action. Information indicated the site had not accepted hazardous waste.

On August 31, 1984, the site was listed on the Maryland Master List of Potential Hazardous Waste sites, which was published in the *Maryland Register* (Special Document Section). The January 4, 1985 issue of the *Maryland Register* published the site under the "List of Those Sites Which Are To Be Deleted From The Master List." The site was subsequently removed from the Master List.

A letter from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to the EPA dated October 20, 1987 stated a *Preliminary Assessment* had not been completed for the Baltimore Housing Authority site, as required by Section 116 of the 1986 Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act. A recently updated Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) also indicated a *Preliminary Assessment* had not been completed for this site. Consequently, in November 1987, MDE's Waste Management Administration prepared *A Preliminary Assessment of Baltimore Housing Authority, Final Report* for the site.

**Current Status**

On July 1, 1984, the 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 Waste Management 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 EPA's CERCLIS, a

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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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