

FORK CONTROL (MD-210)
Glen Arm, Baltimore County, Maryland

Site Location

The Fork Battery Control Area (BCA) site consists of approximately five acres of land located at the end of Hutschenreuter Road in Glen Arm, Maryland, approximately eight miles north of Baltimore. The BCA site is located in a predominantly rural area of Baltimore County and is owned by the State of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources. Two concrete radio towers exist at the site, but all other buildings associated with the former BCA operation have been demolished. The site is fenced, but gaps in the fence make the site accessible to trespassers.

Site History

At one time, the site was part of a nationwide Nike anti-missile system. Nike bases in Maryland were part of the Washington Area Defense System, which was constructed, operated, and deactivated between 1954 and the early 1970s. Obtaining specific histories of individual sites is seldom possible.

Potential hazardous wastes were generated by two former activities at the BCA: the cleaning of electrical and electronic equipment, and the maintenance of support equipment such as vehicles and generators.

Environmental Investigations

From 1981 to 1986, Baltimore County and the Maryland Waste Management Administration (MD WAS) sampled water from residential wells in the vicinity of the site, detecting no contamination.

In 1987, MD WAS completed a Preliminary Assessment of the site recommending it for a low-priority site inspection.

In 1996, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) completed a Site Inspection (SI) in which groundwater, surface water, sediment, and soil samples were collected. Based on the low concentrations of contaminants detected during this study, the site was designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as No Further Remedial Action Planned (NFRAP).

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 EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS). Although EPA has given the site a designation of NFRAP, this does not mean that the 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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