# MD-355 Prince Georges County

In February 1978, the PGCHD received notification of the existence of an unlicensed illegal landfill at this site.

In March 1978, PGCHD ordered Mr. Perrie to stop all dumping at the site, remove all trash and rubble to a licensed facility, and restore the premises to the original grade.

PGCHD personnel visited the site 22 times in 1978 and verified no action had taken place.

In November 1990, MDE completed a Preliminary Assessment and recommended an evaluation for emergency removal of drums on site.

In January 1991, the EPA sampled the dump area and the owner's well and found no contamination above EPA Risk-Based Concentrations.

On December 31, 1991, EPA designated the site as "No Further Remedial Action Planned."

### NELSON PERRIE DUMP Brandywine, Maryland

#### Site Location

The 3.44-acre site is located near the intersection of Nelson Perrie Road and Molly Berry Road in Brandywine, Maryland. The site is situated in a sparsely populated agricultural area of Prince George's County and is surrounded by private property. The site and surrounding area is densely vegetated. An unnamed tributary of Rock Branch forms the northern border of the property. Scotch Pines and Black Walnut trees planted by an adjacent land owner roughly outline the remainder of the rectangular shaped site.

#### Site History

According to Prince George's County Health Department (PGCHD) files, the site was operated as an unlicensed landfill from February 1978 until sometime in 1979. In March 1978, Joseph Nelson Perrie, the property owner, was ordered to stop all dumping at the site, remove all existing trash and rubble to a permitted facility, and to restore the fill to the original grade. After repeated visits by PGCHD personnel failed to document

any changes in the operation of the site, a notice of violation was issued to Mr. Perrie ordering him to stop accepting refuse, garbage, and industrial waste and to remove materials currently at the site to a permitted facility. In March 1979, a final Order was issued. Since Mr. Perrie did not appear before the Court, he was found in contempt and sentenced to 60 days in the County Detention Center and fined \$1,000.00.

## **Environmental Investigations**

In November 1990, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) completed a Preliminary Assessment and observed 17 unmarked and badly deteriorated drums lying in a streambed. These drums were in addition to several other deteriorated drums that were observed protruding from a bermed area. MDE recommended further investigation with the use of a magnetometer to determine if other drums were buried on the site.

In January 1991, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Technical Assistance Team from Roy F. Weston, Inc. performed a sampling assessment of soil, sediment, surface water, and groundwater as well as a magnetometer survey of the dump site. Analytical results of sampling indicated priority pollutants were not stored in the drums that were dumped on site. In December 1991, EPA designated the site as "No Further Remedial Action Planned."

#### **Current Status**

For the 1999 Cooperative Agreement with the EPA, MDE is conducting a site survey of the former Nelson Perrie Dump that the EPA previously designated as No Further Remedial Action Planned. The site survey is intended to determine if site conditions have remained stable, provide a current site description and identify and address any new pathways for contamination. This initiative is also intended to enable the State to determine whether the State should recommend further investigation by EPA, oversight by the State and no further investigation by EPA, or no further action be taken by EPA or the State and that the State designate the site as a "Formerly Investigated Site"

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