



Maryland Department of the
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FACTS ABOUT: PICORP INCORPORATED SITE

Site Location

The PICORP, Incorporated site is located on the north side of East Lombard Street near Kane Street. The property was part of the Kane & Lombard (K&L) landfill, a National Priorities List site.

Site History

The site is used for storage and maintenance of intermodal containers. The current owners of the site acquired the property in June 1981 from the city of Baltimore. PICORP regraded the 17.5-acre property and added a cover of 6 to 8 inches of aggregate stone and bentonite clay.

Several areas of nuisance dumping, including rusted drums and various bulk debris (wood and tires), were identified on a heavily vegetated embankment along the northern end of the site, between the site and the adjacent railroad switching yard. Surface drainage at the site is from south to north and into an intermittent stream located at the bottom of the embankment.

Environmental Investigation and Action

MDE conducted a Preliminary Assessment of the PICORP site in June 1985. Based on observations and samples collected during this assessment, MDE recommended a low priority site investigation be conducted to further document site conditions.

EPA contractor NUS conducted a site inspection on September 19, 1990. Samples of surface and subsurface soil, sediment, and surface water were collected. Analysis of the soil samples revealed organic contaminant concentrations, including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and low levels of isophorone and trace levels of toluene. Analysis of surface water and sediment samples also revealed contamination in the intermittent stream.

Current Status

The site continues to operate as a repair and storage yard for intermodal transport containers. PICORP property is impacted by the VOC contaminant plume emanating from the K&L site. As such, PICORP is part of the ongoing indoor air assessment being conducted at K&L.



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