

**CSX CHESAPEAKE AVENUE LOT
700 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE SITE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND**

Site Location

The 700 West Chesapeake Avenue site is located in the Baltimore City Fairfield Empowerment Zone, in the southern part of Baltimore City, Maryland. The site, a vacant lot of approximately six acres, is situated between West Chesapeake Avenue (to the south) and the Chessie System Express (CSX) railroad in Brooklyn (to the north). A 20-foot high bridge (I-895) crosses the site in an east-west direction on the north and there is a fence along the eastern side of the property. Across from the site, on the southern side of West Chesapeake Avenue, are several two-story brick buildings, which include the US Aluminate Company, Struever Bros., Prins Recycling Center, and Eccles & Rouse, Inc. Construction-Development.

The Patapsco River is located less than 0.25 mile north of the site. A small on-site wetland area has a frontage of approximately 100 feet on the northwestern part of the site. Surface water runoff from the site flows via an unnamed intermittent tributary northwestward and ultimately into the Patapsco River. There are no surface water intakes within 15 stream miles of the property.

Site History

CSX Real Property of Baltimore, Maryland is the current owner of the site.

Environmental Investigations

In June 1996, CSX Real Property applied to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for an assessment of the 700 West Chesapeake Avenue site under the Brownfield Site Assessment Initiative. MDE representatives made an initial site inspection on July 3, 1996, and collected soil samples from eight on-site locations on July 11, 1996. The samples were analyzed for a full scan of all pollutants according to the Contract Laboratory Program procedures. Analysis and interpretation of the data lead MDE to conclude that no pathways were identified that would pose a significant threat at the site.

In February 1997, MDE prepared a *Brownfields Assessment of the 700 West Chesapeake Avenue Site, Baltimore, Maryland*, a site report in which they concluded that they had no further requirements related to the investigation of hazardous substances at the site.

Current Status

On March 17, 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notified MDE that EPA did not contemplate additional Superfund action at the 700 West Chesapeake Avenue site and was not listing the property in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System database because conditions did not warrant a federal Superfund response action. EPA based their decision on a review of the MDE *Brownfields Assessment* report.

On April 7, 1997, MDE notified the site owner that results of the Brownfields Assessment demonstrated there were no apparent Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act related environmental problems at the site that would preclude redevelopment of the property.

Contact

Kim Lemaster, Chief

Maryland Department of the Environment
Federal Superfund Division

(410) 537-3440