Site Location

The J.W. Boarman Company was located at 1421 Ridgely Street in Baltimore, Baltimore County, Maryland. The site consisted of one 25,000 square foot building with parking areas to the south and west. All operations were housed in the on-site building. The site is located in an industrial area of Baltimore and is surrounded by industrial properties. The Middle Branch of the Patapsco River is approximately 1,000 feet southeast of the site.

Site History

The J.W. Boarman Company purchased the Ridgely Street site from Bottcher, Incorporated in October 1988. Prior to Ridgely Street the firm was located at Foster Avenue in Baltimore where it had operated since 1952. The J.W. Boarman Company prints short-run, high-quality publications for advertising purposes. It is unknown what Bottcher used the site for.

Environmental Investigations

In 1980, the company incorrectly listed raw, usable products as a waste on Part A of the Hazardous Waste Permit Application that it submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The facility was issued EPA ID MDD003082559 on July 14, 1981. The conditions of operation during interim status listed a drum design capacity of ¼ gallon per year for 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA). The use of TCA was discontinued in approximately 1985.

The EPA prepared an Environmental Priorities Initiative/Preliminary Assessment of the company in March 1991 and identified two Solid Waste Management Units: solvent rags used to clean the printing press and photographic developing fluid. Neither waste stream was regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The inspection determined that no regulated hazardous substances were generated on the site.

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 by EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Information System. EPA has given the site a designation of No Further Remedial Action Planned (NFRAP). The designation of NFRAP by EPA does not mean that 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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