

**MD-40
Prince George's County**

1949-1973	Koppers Company manufactured paint.
1973	Koppers vacated the site. Waste-disposal pit filled.
1979	Eckhardt Report listed the site.
1980	<i>Preliminary Assessment</i> completed.
1981	<i>Final Strategy Determination</i> completed.
1999	<i>Site Survey</i> completed.
2000	MDE recommended no further investigation necessary except soil in area of disposal pit.

**KOPPERS DUMP SITE
Laurel, Maryland**

Site Location

The Koppers Dump Site, makes up approximately two acres of an industrial park, located at 13501 Baltimore Washington Avenue (Maryland Route 1) in the Liberty Auto Park of Laurel, Prince George's County, Maryland. The site location is approximately 0.5 mile southeast of the State Route 1 and Contee Road intersection. The site is bordered on the north by several auto repair shops. Neighboring occupants to the west and south include the Dinosaurs Club and the Academy Ford Dealer. The eastern portion of the site is bordered by railroad tracks. In December 1999, the entire area east and southeast of the former warehouse was a parking lot that covered what was believed to have been the location of a former waste disposal pit.

Site History

The Koppers Company manufactured paint and paint solvents at the site from 1949 to 1973. During its operation, wastes generated at the facility were reportedly disposed of on site. The wastes included paints, paint wastes and solvents. The dump site was an open pit, approximately 12 feet wide and three feet deep, which was filled in 1973 when the Koppers Company moved from the site. No permits were issued for the site. The waste generation activities at the facility were not documented.

The pit was allegedly located southeast of the warehouse where the Koppers Company stored chemical products. The distance between the warehouse and the suspected former pit is unknown. The warehouse was remodeled and, since 1999, has been used by the Dinosaurs Club.

Environmental Investigations

The Koppers Dump Site in Laurel was initially identified in the 1979 *Waste Disposal Site Survey* prepared by the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (The Eckhardt Report). In May 1980, a *Preliminary Assessment of Koppers Dump Site, Laurel, Maryland* (PA) discussed the unpermitted waste handling practices that occurred at the site and concluded that the materials in the pit evaporated or solidified. The PA recommended no further action.

A *Potential Hazardous Waste Site, Final Strategy Determination* dated April 1, 1981, found no leachate, odors, or complaints and concluded that since the material in the pit had either evaporated or solidified no future problems should be encountered.

In December 1999 the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) prepared a *Site Survey of Koppers Dump Site* to reassess the status of the site, which was previously designated No Further Remedial Action Planned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). MDE determined that the groundwater and surface-water pathways did not represent a source of concern and that the soils pathway did not represent a source of concern, although there was a potential that soils in and around the pit may have been impacted by waste dumped in the pit.

MDE has further requirements for the investigation of hazardous waste at this site, but recommended that EPA archive the site because it does not warrant farther investigation by EPA. On February 7, 2000, EPA concurred with MDE's 1999 *Site Survey* recommendation.

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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