Site Location

The Martin Marietta site is located at the corner of Loch Raven Road and East 30th Street, Baltimore, Maryland. The surrounding environment is an urban area comprised of light industrial and residential land uses.

Site History

The Martin Marietta Corporation owned Sinclair and Valentine, a producer of printing inks, until 1971 when they sold the property to Frye Industries, Inc. (currently Wheelabrator – Fry, Incorporated). During the period of Martin Marietta’s ownership, the facility was reported to have manufactured only paste inks, which had a substrate of either oil or glycol. The paste inks required the use of kerosene or glycol for clean up. The exact years Martin Marietta owned the facility are not known. Martin Marietta had no known records of any treatment, disposal, or storage facilities used by Sinclair and Valentine.

Environmental Investigations

Martin Marietta Corporation reported the site to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1981 on a Notification of Hazardous Waste Site. In December 1981, the EPA completed a Potential Hazardous Waste Site Identification form for the site, which contained very limited information.

An EPA Potential Hazardous Waste Site Preliminary Assessment form completed in March 1984 indicated there were no hazardous conditions associated with the site. In August 1984, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Waste Management Administration completed a Preliminary Assessment report of facility. The Preliminary Assessment reported that spent solvents were recycled when practical or were removed from the site, presumably to landfills.

Current Status

On July 1, 1984, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene published a Master List of all sites where the Department had reason to believe or had been notified that Controlled Hazardous Substances may be present. Subsequent to the publication of this list, the Department conducted further investigation of Department files and performed on-site investigations at a number of these sites. A status update was published in the Maryland Register on January 4, 1985. Based on this review, it was determined by the Waste Management Administration that No Further Action at this site would be necessary and the site was deleted from the Master List. Since the site was also listed on the EPA’s Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System, a designation of No Further Remedial Action Planned by EPA would constitute a final decision by both the State and EPA based on the information that was available at the time.

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