

**MD-251  
Prince Georges County**

On July 5, 1984, the property owner, Mr. William Pettus, alerted Prince George's County Health Department of his discovery of approximately 100 to 200 deteriorated barrels and drums on site.

In July 1984, sampling of the drums revealed contamination from high levels of lead and cadmium.

On January 25, 1985, Superfund cleanup activities were completed. Approximately 543 tons of contaminated material was removed from the site.

In June 1987, MDE completed a Preliminary Assessment.

In October 1990, NUS Corporation completed a Site Inspection that detected trace to low level residual contamination.

In January 1996, EPA designated the site as "No Further Remedial Action Planned."

**COLUMBIA PARK DRUM SITE  
Landover, Maryland**

***Site Location***

The 1.5-acre Columbia Park Drum Site is located immediately northeast of the intersection of Route 704 and Columbia Avenue in Landover, Prince George's County, Maryland.

***Site History***

The site is a vacant lot that was used for drum disposal more than 40 years ago. Drums containing paint sludge were found above and below ground. Essentially, there has been no change at the site since Superfund cleanup activities were completed in January 1985. Between 400 to 500 wooden barrels and steel drums and approximately 543 tons of hazardous waste and contaminated soil was removed. The site's original grade was restored and revegetated.

***Environmental Investigations***

On July 5, 1984, the property owner since March 23, 1983, Mr. William Pettus, informed the Prince George's County Health

Department of his discovery of 100 to 200 deteriorated wooden barrels and steel drums on site. As a result, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Waste Management Administration (WMA) personnel inspected the site and collected samples from the barrels and drums that revealed high levels of lead and cadmium and the presence of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene. On July 18, 1984, personnel from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), WMA, and Roy F. Weston's Technical Assistance Team performed a Site Inspection, which included sampling of the drums. Sample analyses confirmed previous results.

Superfund cleanup activities were completed on January 25, 1985. Approximately 543 tons of drums and soil contaminated with high levels of lead, cadmium, and trace amounts of organic hazardous waste were removed from the site. The site was regraded to its original contour and covered with leaves and mulch.

In October 1987, MDE completed a Preliminary Assessment. There was no evidence of leachate or wastes and most of the site was covered with healthy vegetation.

The NUS Corporation Superfund Division completed a Site Inspection in October 1990 under contract with EPA. Soil and sediment samples detected mostly low levels of residual inorganic contamination and trace to low level organic contamination.

In January 1996, EPA designated the site as "No Further Remedial Action Planned."

***Current Status***

For the 1999 Cooperative Agreement with the EPA, the MDE is conducting a site survey of the Columbia Park Drum Site. The Site Survey Initiative was proposed to reassess the status of those sites that were previously designated No Further Remedial Action Planned by the EPA. This initiative is intended to determine if site conditions have remained stable, provide a current description of the site, and identify and address any new pathways for contamination. The initiative is also intended to determine whether the

State should recommend further investigation by the EPA, oversight by the State and no further investigation by the EPA or no further action be taken by the EPA or the State and the State designate the site as a "Formerly Investigated Site."

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