

**MD-287**  
**Somerset County**

- 1966 Sherwin-Williams purchased site, deeded it to the City of Crisfield and leased it back.
- 1990 MDE prepared a *Preliminary Assessment* and recommended No Further Action.
- 1997 MDE performed a Site Assessment and recommended the site be removed from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System.

**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS - CRISFIELD**  
**Crisfield, Maryland**

**Site Location**

The Rubberset Company, a Division of the Sherwin-Williams Company, is located on Maryland State Highway 413 just north of the Crisfield city limits in Somerset County. The site address is 26466 Silver Lane, Crisfield, Maryland. The site is surrounded by residential and commercial development, including Tawes Brothers Auto Dealer.

**Site History**

The Sherwin-Williams Company purchased the Crisfield site in June 1966 from Crisfield Holding Company and Soutel Realty Company. The Rubberset Company is a division of Sherwin-Williams. Prior to its purchase,

a company named His Nibs used the site for manufacturing garments. The company shut down and the site was vacant at the time of the Sherwin-Williams purchase. Sherwin-Williams deeded the land and building to the City of Crisfield, and took a 20-year lease on the property from the city. In return for the property and long-term lease, the City issued a \$1,250,000 industrial revenue bond to rebuild and expand the existing plant as offices, warehouse and manufacturing site according to Rubberset's specifications. The company manufactures hand-held paint brushes. The total cleared land area used for manufacturing, parking, storage and landscaping is 10.63 acres, with another 11.57 acres of wooded, undeveloped land northeast and adjacent to the cleared land.

**Environmental Investigations**

The Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Waste Management Administration prepared a *Preliminary Assessment* report of the Sherwin Williams Rubberset Division in 1990. The Waste Management Administration reported that there had been no reported spills at the site and no remedial operations had been required at this location in the history of their operation. The firm generated small quantities of waste material from cleaning paint equipment in the paint brush dipping room, small spills of paint components on the concrete floor in the dipping room, and during repair or replacement of machinery. The wastes were stored in drums and kept inside a building on a concrete floor until they were sent to a disposal treating plant at Salisbury, Maryland. The report recommended No Further Action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

In 1997, MDE performed a *Site Assessment* of the Rubberset Division. MDE found no evidence of an existing or a potential environmental hazard at the site and recommended the site be removed from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System. As of September 2001, the Rubberset plant was still operating, although at a considerably reduced level.

## **Current Status**

The site has been designated a “Formerly Investigated Site” on the State Master List of sites. The Formerly Investigated Sites List identifies State Master List sites at which the MDE has determined, on the basis of available information, that no further action by the State is planned.

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