

CUTRONICS, INC.
Timonium, Maryland
Baltimore County
(MD-380)

Site Location

CuTronics, Inc. operated at four different facilities within the Timonium Business Park, Baltimore County. CuTronics' activity at two of these facilities – located at 1925 and 1941 Greenspring Drive, Timonium – involved hazardous waste generation. Each of these facilities occupies an area less than one acre.

Site History

CuTronics, Inc. operated in Timonium Business Park from 1969 to 1990. Between 1987 and 1990, CuTronics, Inc. manufactured and assembled printed electronic circuit boards utilizing plating and etching processes. This activity generated hazardous waste at a rate of approximately 1,000 kg per month. The CuTronics' activity between 1969 and 1987 is not documented.

CuTronics, Inc. came to the attention of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a result of the 1983 inspection performed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in response to a citizen complaint concerning foam in a stream in the vicinity of the site. The source of the soap-like foam entering the stream was identified in the back lot of the CuTronics plant at 1925 Greenspring Drive.

On February 14, 1990, an inspection conducted by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) at the 1925 Greenspring Drive facility revealed hazardous waste stored without an accumulation date and a drum storage area without adequate secondary containment.

On March 12, 1990, a fire destroyed the building at 1941 Greenspring Drive and CuTronics, Inc. terminated the lease on the building. After the fire, CuTronics, Inc. sold its plating tanks to Atlantic Electronics (formerly known as National Circuits), which removed and transported the tanks from the site by the end of 1990.

On September 28, 1990, CuTronics, Inc. received a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Complaint, Compliance Order and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing from the EPA. These documents specified that CuTronics, Inc. was a generator of corrosive and toxic wastes.

In 1990, EPA listed the locations leased by CuTronics, Inc. at 1925 and 1941 Greenspring Drive, Timonium as one site on EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System for possible groundwater contamination.

The ownership history of the two CuTronics, Inc. facilities is incomplete at this time. The current owner of the property located at 1925 Greenspring Drive is 1925 Limited. The current owner of the property located at 1941 Greenspring Drive is Professional Choice, Inc.

Environmental Investigations

An *Initial Report of Oil Spill*, prepared by the Oil Control Division of MDE on March 31, 1989 at the facility located at 1941 Greenspring Drive, noted significant organic volatile organic analyte concentrations in soil and groundwater.

Ambic Testing and Engineering Associates of Virginia, Inc. performed a *Preliminary Assessment of the 1925 Greenspring Drive Facility* in November 1989 for a real estate transaction. The preliminary assessment report concluded that there was no evidence of an observed release or new pathways for contamination which might pose a threat to the environment or human health.

In 1991, NUS Corporation completed a *Preliminary Assessment of CuTronics, Inc.* The report included historical data about CuTronics, Inc. and addressed the waste management procedures at both facilities located on Greenspring Drive, Timonium.

EPA gave the site No Further Remedial Action Planned status on October 18, 1991.

Current Status

The *Site Survey of CuTronics, Inc.* conducted by the MDE in 1999, concluded that MDE had further requirements related to the investigation of hazardous waste at this site. MDE further recommended that the site did not warrant further investigation by the EPA and that it be archived by the EPA.

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