



Facts About...

Biochem
State Master List Site (MD-292)

Site Location

The Biochem site is alleged to be located at 3901 Asiatic Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. The area is industrial located along Curtis Bay.

Site History

Biochem was a successor to Multi Chem, a medical waste disposal facility that operated a small incinerator used for burning medical wastes. Multi Chem was issued permit number A164 in December 1980. The facility was also issued a Maryland Hazardous Waste Hauler number HWH040 and a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identification number MDD093958767.

Biochem operated under several different names, all owned by Michael Guarnieri. The facility was moved to different locations, with different company names, around Baltimore City as each successive company went out of business. After the first company failure, the incinerator was no longer permitted and was known to have operated at 5101 Andard Avenue, 2701 Boston Street, 1917 Benhill Avenue and 5730 Pennington Avenue.

In January 1982, Guarnieri was convicted of 25 counts of violations concerning the State's Controlled Hazardous Substance (CHS) Law. In February 1983, Multi Chem was in violation on 70 occasions for transporting CHS.

It is believed that during Biochem/Multi Chem practice of moving the unpermitted incinerator from location to location, the 3901 Asiatic Avenue address may have been mistakenly identified as one of the operating locations.

Environmental Investigations

On June 27, 1989, the Maryland Department of the Environment completed a Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the site. The site was found to be occupied by the AMOCO Oil Company Baltimore Asphalt Terminal. No further information regarding Biochem activities at 3901 Asiatic Avenue was found.

On September 29, 1989, the site was archived by EPA from the inventory of active Superfund hazardous waste sites.

Current Status

MDE has no further requirements for this site at this time.

Contact

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at 410 537-3440.

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