



Maryland Department of the  
Environment

## FACTS ABOUT: FAIRFIELD SERVICE COMPANY DUMP

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### Site Location

The former Fairfield Service Company Dump was located at 1300 Frankfurst Avenue in the formerly mixed use (residential/commercial/industrial) area of the Curtis Bay/Fairfield section of southeastern-most Baltimore City. Through various land acquisitions by the City of Baltimore in 1960 for the expansion of the Patapsco Tunnel Project, now known as the Harbor Tunnel, the former Fairfield Service Company Dump and the 1300 Frankfurst Avenue address no longer exist.

### Site History

The site was identified in the Maryland Historic Landfill Initiative report as a receiver of industrial wastes. Little information is available regarding this site. Available files and records indicate that the former Fairfield Service Company Dump operated sometime before 1955 when the portion of Frankfurst Avenue where the Fairfield Service Company Dump is believed to have operated was closed to facilitate the construction of the Harbor Tunnel. It is known that the dump operated as an unpermitted dump and accepted industrial wastes. It is believed that the dump was less than 5 acres in size.

### Environmental Investigations

No known regulatory or remedial actions are known to have occurred on site. However, in 2007, the Maryland Port Authority began the massive clean up of the nearby Masonville waterfront just north of the suspected location of the Fairfield Service Company Dump, as part of the development of the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center. More than 61,000 tons of trash and debris have been removed. Some of the debris dates back more than a century to the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904. To date, the clean-up has included the removal of:

- 306,074 gallons of petroleum-tainted water;
- 17,398 tons of timber;
- 6,588 tons of concrete rubble;
- 5,265 feet of electrical wire; and
- 4,047 pounds of PCB-containing electrical equipment.



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## **Current Status**

Although very little is known about the Fairfield Service Company Dump, it is apparent that the operation existed in an area that is now occupied by the Harbor Tunnel Toll Facilities and/or the adjacent State Highway facility in an entirely industrial area. Construction of these facilities has likely altered or removed the former dump and any investigation beneath the Harbor Tunnel Toll Facilities is now impracticable. Therefore, MDE is recommending no further investigation of hazardous wastes of the former Fairfield Service Company Dump.



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