



Maryland Department of the  
Environment

## FACTS ABOUT: OLD CUMBERLAND CITY/COUNTY DUMP

### Site Location

The Old Cumberland City/County Dump site is located on Limestone Road, 2.5 miles southeast of the City of Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland (coordinates 39°37'31.89" N, 78°43'34.55" W). The 16-acre site is a former open burning dump and landfill. The dump site is the northern boundary of the Limestone Road Site.

### Site History

Available information indicates this dump was in operation from the late 1940s through 1968. Operations at this site ceased in 1968. Wastes deposited in the landfill included flyash, municipal wastes, and drummed waste. More than seventy 55-gallon drums were observed on the site. Some were found to contain waste oil.

During the environmental assessments of the 1980s, the top of the landfill was well vegetated, but trash and discarded auto frames and appliances were observed on the surface. Access to the site was unrestricted, and there are indications that the land was being used for recreational purposes. Numerous leachate streams and two ravines where rusted drums had been deposited were also observed. Contaminants found in soil and sediment were primarily metals.

### Environmental Investigation and Action

The site was listed in CERCLIS in March 1981. The State conducted a preliminary assessment (PA) of the site in October 1981. This was followed by a federal lead site inspection (SI) in June 1986.

In July 1992 the State conducted an SI to document site conditions ten years after the initial PA. This was followed in June 1994 with an Expanded Site Inspection to clarify earlier findings. The Old Cumberland City/County Dump was archived in November 1994.

### Current Status

The site has been given no further remedial action planned status and has been placed in the list of archived sites by EPA.



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