

**MD-342  
Dorchester County**

- 1902 Eastern Shore Can Company began operations.
- 1919 W.H. Neal & Sons, Inc. purchased the property.
- 1929 Continental Can Co. purchased the property.
- 1982 Manufacturing changed from cans to can ends.
- 1990 Crown Cork & Seal purchased the property.
- 1992 Crown Cork & Seal terminated operations.

MDE prepared an *Environmental Priorities Initiative Preliminary Assessment* report and recommended NFRAP status.

**CONTINENTAL CAN  
Hurlock, Maryland**

**Site Location**

The 6-acre Continental Can site is located at 1 Railroad Avenue, Hurlock, Dorchester County, Maryland. The facility consisted of four buildings and several smaller structures bounded on the west by railroad tracks. The site vicinity is mixed residential and commercial. The geographic coordinates of the site are 38° 38' 5" North and 75° 51' 37" West.

**Site History**

Eastern Shore Can Company began operations in 1902, sold the company in 1919 to W.H. Neal & Sons, Inc., who, in turn, sold the company to Continental Can Company in 1929. On July 15, 1990 Continental Can sold the company to Crown Cork & Seal Company, Inc. The facility has had different designations. Continental Can referred to the facility as Plant #24, while Crown Cork & Seal referred to it as Plant #39.

From 1902 to approximately 1982, the facility manufactured cans for the tomato industry. In 1982, the facility changed to manufacturing various sizes of can ends. The manufacturing of cans and can ends generated residual resin compound wastes and solvent wastes. The equipment cleaning process used rags and solvents to remove the resin compound from the machinery. The use of sealant compounds was discontinued in 1990 when Continental Can moved from the site. No evidence or records of a release were reported at this facility.

The facility was rented to different companies after Crown Cork & Seal terminated operations at the plant in 1992. As of May 1997, the Hurlock Police Department occupied the former office building and B&G, a food products company, used one of the warehouses.

**Environmental Investigations**

In June 1992, the Maryland Department of the Environment, Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Administration (MDE) prepared an *Environmental Priorities Initiative Preliminary Assessment* report of the Continental Can Company Plant #24. The report showed that small quantities of sealant compound were spilled within the facility and that migration was of limited areal extent. The site was recommended for No Further Remedial Action Planned (NFRAP) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

**Current Status**

This site is on the State Master List that identifies potential hazardous waste sites in Maryland. The Master List includes sites currently identified by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA)

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System. EPA has given the site a designation of NFRAP. The designation of NFRAP by EPA does not mean that MDE has reached the same conclusion concerning further investigation at the site. The information contained in the fact sheet presents a summary of past investigations and site conditions currently known to MDE.

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