

**MD-97
Baltimore City**

1981 | *Notification of Hazardous Waste Site* filed with EPA.

1982 | *Preliminary Assessment* concluded No Further Action Warranted.

**NL INDUSTRIES MERCHANTS SHOT WORKS
Baltimore, Maryland**

Site Location

NL Industries, Inc. Merchants Shot Works site, Baltimore, Maryland could not be located by the Maryland Department of Hygiene and Mental Health or its consultant, Ecology and Environment, Inc., when it searched company and state records in 1982. Although the site was believed to have been located somewhere in the vicinity of Baltimore, NL Industries, Inc. was uncertain of the Shot Works location.

Site History

The site manufactured ammunition and generated lead waste.

Environmental Investigations

In 1981, NL Industries, Inc. filed a *Notification of Hazardous Waste Site* form with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Merchants Shot Works site. NL Industries submitted the site as a past production facility as a precaution, but had no formal records of its existence.

In May 1982, a *Preliminary Assessment* (PA) was prepared for the site. No information was available on the site and the PA concluded no further action was warranted and recommended that the site be closed out.

Current Status

On July 1, 1984, the Waste Management Administration of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene published a Master List of all sites where the Department had reason to believe or had been notified that Controlled Hazardous Substances may be present. Subsequent to the publication of this list, the Department conducted further investigation of Department files and performed on-site investigations at a number of these sites. A status update was published in the Maryland Register on January 4, 1985. Based on this review, it was determined by the Administration that No Further Action at this site would be necessary and the site was deleted from the Master List. Since the site was also listed on the EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System, a designation of No Further Remedial Action Planned by EPA would constitute a final decision by both the State and EPA based on the information that was available at the time.

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