



# ***Facts About...***

2nd Plant (MD-148)  
(State Master List)

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## **Site Location**

2nd Plant was a coal gas manufacturing plant (CGMP) located on Holliday Street between Saratoga and Pleasant Streets in Baltimore City, Maryland. The coordinates for the site are 39° 17.5901' N latitude and 76° 36.6165' W longitude. The Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation identifies the site as Section 12, Block 1265-B, Lot 03. A municipal parking lot is now located on the site of the 2nd Plant.

## **Site History**

2nd Plant operated from 1847 to 1861 and was the successor facility to the 1<sup>st</sup> Plant coal gasification plant. Coal was placed into cast iron retorts that were heated to the temperature where gas was produced from the coal. The coal gas was then purified by running it through a hydrated iron oxide filter bed. Waste from the coal gasification and filtration process included sulfur, coal tar and ferrocyanide. Spent filter bed material was noted to have been discarded; however the refuse area is unidentified.

## **Environmental Investigations**

MDE performed a Preliminary Assessment of the site in June 1985.

## **Current Status**

The lot once occupied by 2nd Plant is now under an elevated portion of the Jones Falls Expressway and is used as a municipal parking lot. There are no indications of CGMP waste remaining on the property. Construction of the Expressway likely involved excavation of any waste that might have been on the property.

## **Contact**

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3493.

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