



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: PAINT BRUSH LANDFILL AREA #3

Site Location

The Paint Branch Landfill Area #3 is a 16.6-acre property located between Maryland Route 1, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad right of way, and the south bank of Paint Branch. The site is located on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland 20742. The site coordinates are latitude 38° 59.038' N and longitude 076° 55.627' W.

Site History

The Paint Branch Landfill, erroneously identified as Paint Brush Landfill Area #3 in EPA's database of potential Superfund sites, is one of three solid waste disposal areas along the south bank of Paint Branch between Maryland Route 1 and the B&O Railroad track. Between 1948 and 1969, all three landfills accepted coal tar and fly ash from the defunct University of Maryland steam plant. Area #3 also accepted miscellaneous other solid wastes generated by the University.

Environmental Investigation and Action

R&R International, Inc. was contracted by the University to implement the RCRA Feasibility Investigation of the landfill areas. The investigation plan was amended to reflect EPA comments in July 1992 and August 1993 and the investigation was finalized on August 6, 1996. The investigation showed that the fill areas were not a source of contamination to Paint Branch.

Current Status

The Area #3 landfill is capped and the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute training center occupies the property. EPA has deferred the site to Maryland.



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