



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: CRISFIELD DUMP SITE

SITE LOCATION

The site was located on several parcels in St. Mary's County on Jersey Island off Hammock Pointe in Crisfield, MD 21817. The site covers 50 acres on the Little Annessex River between Jenkins Creek and Somers Cove at coordinates latitude 37.965849° and longitude -75.863090°.

SITE HISTORY

The Crisfield landfill was an open burning dump that operated from June 1961 until April 1978. The site received primarily household refuse which was burned. The remaining ash and debris was pushed into the surrounding marsh to make firm ground. The site was closed and enclosed in a berm. In 1978, dredge spoil was pumped into the berm from Little Annessex River channel maintenance. Several feet of dredged material cover the surface of the dump site.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AND ACTION

In August 1974 an administrative order was written stating that wetlands were being filled in violation of environmental statutes.

In May 1976 inspectors found waste cooking grease being spread on the wetlands. An administrative order required the Town to correct this practice. Compliance was reached in September 1976.

In April 1978 the dump site was closed. A berm was erected around the property and the entire area prepared to receive dredge spoil. The spoil area was leveled and seeded.

In October 1985 NUS Corporation, EPA's environmental contractor, completed a site investigation of the facility under the EPA Dump Site Program.

In 1994 MDE conducted an Expanded Site Inspection on the Crisfield City Dump. The dump was recommended for no further remedial action by MDE and EPA at that time.

In August 1999 MDE completed a Site Survey of the dump site. MDE recommended that no further action be taken under CERCLA and that the State would continue to monitor the site under State authority. EPA concurred with this recommendation.

CURRENT STATUS

EPA has no further remedial actions planned for the site.



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