

**MD-282
Talbot County**

- 1945 Site purchased for Easton Airport.
- 1973 Site purchased by Easton Utilities Commission for Plant No. 2.
- 1978 Construction of Plant No. 2 completed.
- 1984 Emergency Contingency Plan completed.
- 1990 *Environmental Priorities Initiative/Preliminary Assessment* report by MDE concluded no further action necessary.

**EASTON UTILITIES COMMISSION – PLANT NO. 2
Easton, Maryland**

Site Location

The Easton Utilities Commission Plant No. 2 (EUCP2) is located south of the Airport Industrial Park of Easton, Talbot County, Maryland. The site is accessible from U.S. Route 50. The geographic coordinates of the area are 38° 47' 30" North and 76° 05' 06" West.

The EUCP2 site comprises 6.85 acres of land bounded on the northwest by Easton Airport and on the southeast by Glebe Park Drive. A building in the central part of the site contains the four diesel alternating current generators and their associated auxiliaries, basement/sumps, office, coolant system, organic ranking cycle unit, settling tank and heavy fuel system. An oil water separator is located southwest of the facility. Two 6,000-gallon lube oil underground storage tanks are situated on the southwest side of the driveway adjacent to the aboveground fuel storage area. One 1,000,000-gallon aboveground oil tank is southwest of the main plant building.

Site History

The site was purchased in 1945 from William Ruark for the Easton Airport. In the early 1970s, the utility needed to increase its generation capacity to provide additional electricity to the town of Easton and surrounding areas. Because Power Plant No.1 at 219 N. Washington Street could not be expanded any further, Easton Utility Commission purchased the property in 1973 and constructed Plant No.2, which was completed in 1978.

In April 1983, an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Generator's I.D. No. MDD980555601 was issued to EUCP2. The EUCP2 has a County Water Discharge Permit (84-DP-U86). The facility also has a State Air Management Administration Permit (20-0029) for its diesel generators.

Environmental Investigations

The Easton Utility Commission has contracted with various treatment, storage and disposal facilities to do all potential clean up and storage of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. The company completed an Emergency Contingency Plan in 1984.

In 1990, a *Preliminary Assessment, Final Report* was prepared for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The report noted there was no history of regulatory action taken by the County and the State of Maryland and that current and past waste handling practices did not indicate any further environmental investigation would be required.

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 EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System. EPA has given the site a designation of No Further Remedial Action Planned. The designation of No Further Remedial Action Planned 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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