

**Hodges Landfill Site
Carroll County, Maryland
(MD-447)**

Site Location

The Hodges Landfill site is an 18-acre landfill located on Hodges Road immediately north of the town of Eldersburg, in southeastern Carroll County.

Site History

The Hodges landfill is a County landfill that was operated from 1965 until it was closed in 1981 as a result of being at full capacity. Various household and municipal wastes were disposed in this landfill.

In 1983, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) personnel observed leachate flowing from the landfill into an unnamed tributary of the Liberty Lake Reservoir. Samples of the landfill leachate revealed elevated levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Subsequent sampling by DHMH personnel identified elevated levels of VOCs and metals in on-site groundwater, and elevated levels of metals in surface water from the unnamed tributary. The County installed a synthetic cap and soil cover over the landfill in 1991 to end landfill leachate production and to prevent exposure to landfill waste.

The Maryland Department of the Environment/Waste Management Administration (MDE/WAS) completed a Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the site in March 1993. The PA indicated that additional sampling was necessary to further evaluate the hazardous release at the site. In September 1995, the MDE/WAS completed a Site Inspection (SI) at the site. The SI included the collection of on-site groundwater samples and surface water and sediment samples from the unnamed tributary. Regulatory levels were exceeded for metals and semi-VOCs in on-site groundwater. However, with no water supply wells downgradient of the landfill, MDE/WAS recommended the site for "No Further Remedial Action Planned" (NFRAP) status.

In November 1995, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency assigned a NFRAP status to the site.

Current Status

Based on the NFRAP status, no remedial or removal actions have been taken or are planned for the site.

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