

**MD-156
Cecil County**

**USCG BACK CREEK
Cecil County, Maryland**

1981	USCG filed Notification of Hazardous Waste Site with EPA
1988	Batteries were tested and removed from the site.
1993	Investigation indicated site no longer had reportable contamination.
1994	USCG notified EPA that batteries had been removed.

Site Location

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Back Creek site is located at Welch Point, near the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal in Cecil County, Maryland. Chesapeake City is the closest town to the site.

Site History

The site, which is owned by the USCG, was found to contain an accumulation of zinc air primary batteries generated by another use of the site. Tests conducted on the batteries indicated that they would be considered a hazardous waste.

Environmental Investigations

In 1981, the USCG filed a *Notification of Hazardous Waste Site* form for the site with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The batteries were tested and removed in 1988. An investigation in July 1993 indicated that the site no longer had any reportable contamination. In 1994, the USCG notified EPA by letter that the batteries had been removed from the site and the site no longer had reportable contamination.

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 does not mean that the Maryland Department of the Environment 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 the Maryland Department of the Environment.

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