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Baltimore City

In July 1994, EPA conducted a site assessment in response to a sheen on a drainage pond on site. Upon review of the underground piping plans, it was determined that contamination originating at the intakes would not be hazardous, therefore EPA recommended no further action.

Morgan State University
Baltimore, Maryland

Site Location

The site consists of a 3500 square foot drainage pond located approximately 40 feet north of the Turner Army Reserve Center at 4101 Hillen Road. The pond is situated on the southwestern most portion of the Morgan State University property. The pond receives discharge from four intakes located at the University Dining Hall

kitchen loading pad, an adjacent dumpster area, an adjacent parking lot and a nearby dormitory roof drain. The shoreline surrounding the pond is heavily vegetated and does not show signs of stress. A short three to four foot fence surrounds the pond allowing trash and debris to be easily thrown in.

Environmental Investigations

In July 1994, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a site assessment in response to a report of a sheen on the surface of the drainage pond. EPA personnel reported that the sheen on the surface of the pond appeared to be organic and a methane odor was evident. Air monitoring failed to detect any volatiles, combustibles, or other hazardous materials. Because the effluent from the four underground pipes discharging into the pond is not expected to contain hazardous material, no further action was taken.

Current Status

For the Cooperative Agreement with EPA, the Maryland Department of the Environment is conducting a site survey of Morgan State University. The Site Survey Initiative was proposed to reassess the status of those sites that were previously designated No Further Remedial Action Planned by the EPA. This initiative is intended to determine if site conditions have remained stable, provide a current description of the site, and identify and address any new pathways for contamination. The initiative is also intended to determine whether the State should recommend further investigation by the EPA, oversight by the State and no further investigation by the EPA, or no further action be taken by the EPA or the State and the State designate the site as a "Formerly Investigated Site."