



UNITED STATES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION III

STATEMENT OF BASIS

CLEAN HARBORS INC.

LAUREL, MARYLAND

EPA ID NO. MDD 980554653

I. Introduction

A. Facility Name

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) for the Clean Harbors, Inc. Facility, located at 3527 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, Maryland (hereinafter referred to as the Facility).

The Facility is subject to the Corrective Action program under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, 42 U.S.C. Sections 6901 to 6992k. The Corrective Action program is designed to ensure that certain facilities subject to RCRA have investigated and cleaned up any releases of hazardous waste and hazardous constituents that have occurred at their property.

Information on the Corrective Action program as well as a fact sheet for the Facility can be found by navigating <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/correctiveaction.htm>.

B. Proposed Decision

EPA's review of available information indicates that there are no unaddressed releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from the Facility. Based on that assessment, our proposed decision is that no further investigation or cleanup is required. EPA's proposed decision meets the criteria for "Corrective Action Complete without Controls" set forth in EPA Guidance found in the Federal Register / Vol. 68, No. 37 / Tuesday, February 25, 2003 / Notices [FRL – 7454-7] pages 8757 to 8764.

EPA has determined that its proposed decision for the Facility is protective of human health and the environment and that no further corrective action or controls are necessary at this time.

C. Public Participation

Interested persons are invited to comment on EPA's proposed decision. The public comment period will last thirty (30) calendar days from the date that notice is published in a local newspaper. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail, or phone to Mr. Erich Weissbart at the address listed below. EPA will hold a public meeting to discuss this proposed decision upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Mr. Weissbart at the address listed below.

EPA has developed an Administrative Record (AR) for this proposed decision which contains all information considered by EPA during the process. The AR is available at the following location:

U.S. EPA Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Contact: Mr. Erich Weissbart (3LC20)
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EPA encourages interested persons to participate in the remedy selection process by reviewing this SB and documents contained in the AR. The AR contains the complete information that EPA reviewed prior to this proposed decision.

EPA will address all significant comments received during the public comment period. If EPA determines that new information or public comments warrant a modification to the proposed decision, EPA will modify the proposed decision or select other alternatives based on such new information and/or public comments. EPA will approve its final decision in a document entitled the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC). Any person who comments on the decision will automatically receive a copy of the FDRTC. Any other person wishing to receive a copy of the FDRTC may obtain one by contacting Mr. Erich Weissbart.

II. Facility Background

The site is located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland approximately 15 miles southwest of Baltimore (Figure 1). The Facility occupies an area of approximately 175,000 square feet situated at the intersection of Whiskey Bottom and New Fort Meade Road. The Facility is located in a primarily residential area near the Baltimore/Washington International Airport and the nearest homes are located adjacent to the northeast and western property boundaries.

Waste transfer operations began in 1978. The site accepts waste from industrial clients and transfers it into trailers for shipping to treatment facilities. The site does not open or combine waste containers; the majority of containers handled are lab packs. Clients include hospitals, universities, manufacturing industries, and research and development facilities.

The site serves as a base for Clean Harbors drivers, as well as an equipment staging area for the field service group. However, there are currently no full time employees at the Clean Harbors Laurel site. The Clean Harbors facility consists of a loading dock area, a block building, an office building, a supply storage shed, an infiltration basin, and paved areas for the operation and parking of the Clean Harbors trucks and trailers.

III. Summary of Environmental History

Review of all available records and discussions during a April 13, 2010 site visit indicate that there have been no reportable releases, no instances or evidence of soil or groundwater contamination, no site remediation, and no past, current, or planned monitoring efforts necessary at this Facility. The record review and site visit are documented in the Final Environmental Indicator Inspection Report which is contained in the AR and available upon request.