



UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III

STATEMENT OF BASIS

SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS INC.  
GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND  
EPA ID NO. MDD 000737106

Prepared by  
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## **Section 1: Introduction**

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) to solicit public comment on its proposed decision for the Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. facility located at 150-G, Penrod Court, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061 (Facility). 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, EPA's proposed decision is that no further investigation or cleanup is required. EPA has determined that its proposed decision is protective of human health and the environment and that no further corrective action or land use controls are necessary at this time. This SB highlights key information relied upon by EPA in making its proposed decision.

The Facility is subject to EPA's 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. §§ 6901 et seq. (Corrective Action Program). 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. Maryland is not authorized for the Corrective Action Program under Section 3006 of RCRA. Therefore, EPA retains primary authority in Maryland for the Corrective Action Program.

The Administrative Record (AR) for the Facility contains all documents, including data and quality assurance information, on which EPA's proposed decision is based. See Section 4, Public Participation, for information on how you may review the AR.

## Section 2: Facility Background

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The Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. facility was a 12,000 square foot warehouse located in the northern section of Glen Burnie, Maryland, approximately 8 miles south of the City of Baltimore.

The site is located in an industrial park approximately ½ mile east of I-97. The vicinity of the Facility is a combination of light industry and residential property. A location map and a Facility layout are attached as Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

The Facility was used as a storage and transfer center by Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. from 1979 until 2003. The Facility was located in a portion of leased warehouse space containing offices and warehouse space for container storage. The Glen Burnie Facility functioned as an accumulation point for spent solvents and other fluids generated by Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. customers. Wastes were ultimately shipped to a Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. recycle center or contract reclaimer. A general description of business activities includes parts cleaner services, dry cleaning waste services, photo processing waste services, paint reclamation services, and industrial fluid waste services.

The Glen Burnie Facility consisted of six RCRA permitted hazardous waste units consisting of two permitted container storage areas, two permitted transfer areas, one permitted return and fill station with two loading units, and one permitted 12,000 gallon vertical hazardous waste storage above ground storage tank (AST). The 12,000 gallon above-ground hazardous waste tank was a replacement for the 11,000 gallon underground hazardous waste tank that was removed in 1997. Additionally there was a 12,000 gallon product vertical AST.



### **Section 3: Summary of Environmental History**

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Review of available records indicates the Facility underwent two RCRA closures: a partial closure in 1997 of a RCRA permitted underground storage tank; and, the 2003 closure of all the remaining RCRA permitted hazardous waste units. The first closure involved soil sampling and excavation of contaminated soils and the second involved decontamination, demolition, and disposal. Both RCRA closures were performed pursuant to Maryland Department of the Environment approved closure plans and oversight. Neither closure suggested evidence of apparent release, however the 1997 closure included a number of preliminary and final soil samples subsequent to tank removal and excavation. The final soil results for organics were below the limit of detection and further investigation was not warranted.

### **Section 4: Public Participation**

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Before EPA makes a final decision on its proposal for the Facility, the public may participate in the decision selection process by reviewing this SB and documents contained in the Administrative Record (AR) for the Facility. The AR contains all information considered by EPA in reaching this proposed decision. It is available for public review during normal business hours at:

U.S. EPA Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Contact: Erich Weissbart  
Phone: (410) 305-2779  
Fax: (215) 814-3113  
Email: [weissbart.erich@epa.gov](mailto:weissbart.erich@epa.gov)

Interested parties are encouraged to review the AR and 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. You may submit comments by mail, fax, or e-mail to Mr. Erich Weissbart. EPA will hold a public meeting to discuss this proposed decision upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Mr. Erich Weissbart.

EPA will respond to all relevant comments received during the comment period. If EPA determines that new information warrants 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 announce its final decision and explain the rationale for any changes in a document entitled the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC). All persons who comment on this proposed

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decision will receive a copy of the FDRTC. Others may obtain a copy by contacting Mr. Erich Weissbart at the address listed above.

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1. Partial Closure Report and Certification, Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. Service Center, Glen Burnie, Maryland. May 1997.
2. Partial Closure Approval Letter. Maryland Department of the Environment, E. Hammerberg to S. Fleming, July 7, 1997.
3. Final RCRA Closure Report and Certification, Safety-Kleen Systems, Glen Burnie Facility, Glen Burnie, Maryland. December 2003.
4. Final RCRA Closure Approval Letter. Maryland Department of the Environment, E. Hammerberg to G. Risse, January 29, 2004.











