



Cosmechem Site Removal Action

Baltimore City, Maryland



– Site Cleanup Efforts Begin –

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 3

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The Cosmechem Site...

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will conduct a removal response at the Cosmechem facility located on North Warwick Street, in Baltimore, Maryland.

In April 2004, at the request of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), EPA conducted a site assessment to determine if a risk to human health and the environment existed at the abandoned facility. The site assessment also helped determine the site's eligibility for a removal action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as the EPA Superfund program.

What you may notice...

Workers may be on and/or near the site taking notes and photographs. The workers will be wearing coveralls, hardhats, gloves, and breathing masks. You may see heavy equipment, such as trucks, coming in and out of the vicinity. The trucks will be used to remove drums of potentially hazardous materials from site. Work has begun and will take approximately 60 days to complete.

Background...

The Cosmechem Site is an abandoned facility on approximately 0.8 acres of land. From 1992 until 1997, Cosmechem Company

manufactured products such as industrial-strength cleaning chemicals, de-greasers,

graffiti removers, carpet cleaners, tile bathroom cleaners, metal cleaners, drain cleaners, and wood floor strippers.

Possible Threats to Human Health and the Environment...

The site is about 40 yards from residential row homes. Also nearby are active local businesses. Some of the materials used in the manufacturing process of chemical-based cleaners are still present onsite. EPA is addressing the potential risk to human health and the environment posed by these chemicals by removing them from the site for recycling, re-use, or proper disposal.

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