

**CABIN RUN LANDFILL**  
**Frostburg, Maryland**  
**(MD-003)**

**Site Location**

The Cabin Run Landfill site is located just south of Cabin Run Road in Frostburg, Allegany County, Maryland. The site is approximately 0.5 mile south of Vale Summit Landfill (MD-005) and 2 miles southwest of Hoffman Landfill (MD-004).

**Site History**

The 50-acre inactive and unlined Cabin Run Landfill is located in an abandoned strip mine and was used from 1975-1981 for the disposal of municipal and industrial wastes. The current owner of the site is Allegany Coal and Land Company.

The Landfill was operated by Allegany County in conjunction with strip mining. Allegany County operated the scale house and conducted oversight of Winner Brothers Coal Company, who put on the daily cover.

In 1978, Allegany County applied for a permit to dispose of designated hazardous substances; the request was never granted nor acted upon. Waste disposed at the Landfill included asbestos, rubber, plasticizers, resins, latex emulsions, paint pigments, sewage, and metals. Operations ceased at the Landfill in 1981 when the County began using the Vale Summit II Landfill.

**Environmental Investigations and Actions**

A 1980 report by Ecology and Environment indicated that groundwater at the site contained elevated levels of metals. However, it is not known whether these samples were filtered. The southern portion of the Landfill was still active at this time.

A level I Site Inspection Prioritization by Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) indicated the need for additional sampling of groundwater and surface water at the site.

In late 1993, MDE conducted a Phase I Expanded Site Inspection. Subsurface soil, groundwater (domestic), sediment and surface water samples were collected. No intact monitoring wells were found on the site. The primary finding of the report was that surface water, sediment, and groundwater samples were elevated in metals. There was no direct evidence that linked the Landfill itself to the contamination; the elevated concentration of metals may be attributed to the local strip mining activities.

Residential well sampling throughout these investigations generally indicated heavy iron staining and elevated metals concentrations known to be related to mining. As noted below, those wells are not currently in use.

**Current Status**

The site has remained unchanged since land filling ceased in 1981. Pursuant to the 1999 Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), MDE

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conducted a Site Survey of the Cabin Run Landfill. The Site Survey concluded that further action is required by MDE and that EPA should archive this site.

As of 1998, the residential wells sampled as part of the Expanded Site Inspection along Route 36 are now supplied by a public water supply. The closest residence to the site, the former Wilson residence, is also supplied by a public water supply.

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