

F. Bowie Smith & Sons Inc.

**4500 East Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21224
Congressional District
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Current Progress at the Site

The former F. Bowie Smith & Sons Facility (F. Bowie Smith), now owned by Birchwood Realty Co., Inc. (Birchwood Realty), entered the Facility Lead Program on April 4, 2005. In accordance with the Facility Lead Agreement, Birchwood Realty submitted a site-specific Work Plan, identifying the approach, methods and schedule to complete future planned site investigation work, on June 22, 2005. The facility restarted its groundwater monitoring program in December 2005, and met with EPA in January 2006 to discuss site conditions. Birchwood Realty began additional site characterization work under the facility lead agreement in November 2007. The next phase of the field investigation is scheduled for the fall/winter of 2008.

Site Description

F. Bowie Smith operated a wood-treatment facility at the site from 1952 until 1985. From 1982 until 1988, the site was partially occupied by the Chesapeake Wood Company, a firm that provided wholesale and custom lumber. The Chesapeake Wood Company was not engaged in chemically treating wood, but treated wood was stored on site. In 1986, a study of the site found contamination of site groundwater and soils with wood treating chemicals. In that same time frame, the site was included on the CERCLA Superfund list of contaminated sites. A Preliminary Assessment was completed in 1988 and a Site Inspection was conducted in 1990.

Site buildings were demolished, and two geomembrane and soil caps were installed in the northwest area of the site, pursuant to an amended Consent Order with the current property owner, Birchwood Realty. The most recent groundwater monitoring report was submitted in July 2006. Data provided in the report demonstrate that onsite groundwater contamination by wood treatment chemical residuals continues to exist in Monitoring Well (MW)-2 and MW-4.

Site Responsibility

RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the State of Maryland.

Contaminants

Contaminants of concern at the site, in both soil and groundwater, are pentachlorophenol (PCP), creosote-derived constituents (mainly naphthalene), arsenic, and chromium.

Community Interaction

The facility will develop a Community Relations Plan, which will describe how it will conduct public involvement activities to inform the local community, the State and any other interested parties of activities throughout the corrective action process.

Institutional Controls

There are currently no institutional controls in place at the site.

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