



Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

Central Chemical Company Hagerstown, MD

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

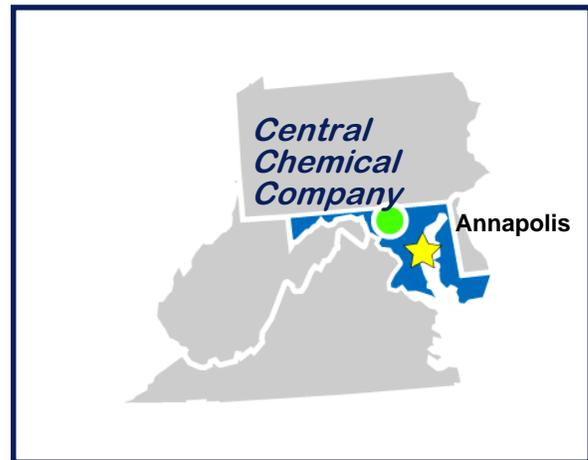
BACKGROUND

EPA selected the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Hagerstown is home to the Central Chemical Company Superfund site. From the early 1930s until the mid-1980s, the chemical plant blended agricultural pesticides and fertilizers, creating waste and by-products that were allegedly disposed of in an old stone quarry on the property. Contaminants were found in the soil, groundwater, surface water, sediments, and in the tissue of fish caught downstream of the site. Arsenic, lead, benzene, aldrin, chlordane, and DDT are just some of the contaminants identified. In September 1997, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The site is in an economically disadvantaged community in an American Heritage River watershed. It is also near a Brownfields Pilot.

OBJECTIVES

The City of Hagerstown plans to use Pilot funds to implement a 12-month community-based assessment of site reuse options. Using the results of the assessment, the city will recommend a reuse for the site. To arrive at this decision, Hagerstown will encourage the community to be involved in the decision-making process and work with a non-profit consensus-building research service and educational organization. EPA's Technical Outreach Services for Communities program will provide a technical expert to also help the community and city officials reach decisions.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Hagerstown, MD

Site Name: Central Chemical Company

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement (\$97,405)

Profile: The city will help the community reach consensus on the reuse, and will recommend a reuse for the site.

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