### MD-159 **Baltimore City** 1877 Consumers Mutual Gas Light Company purchased the site and manufactured gas. 1904 Operations ceased. 1910 The property was sold. 1985 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene prepared a Preliminary Assessment and recommended no further action.

# **CANTON STATION Baltimore, Maryland**

#### Site Location

The Canton Station gas plant site is in the Highlandtown section of Baltimore about four blocks northeast of the North West Harbor dock area. The office building was at the northeast corner of Fait and Lakewood Avenues, three blocks south of Eastern Avenue and due north of Fort McHenry. The gas tanks were near the office. At the time of the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) last visit, the site was occupied by a Drug Fair and an A&P Market.

#### Site History

The Consumers Mutual Gas Light Company purchased the site in 1877 from Mahlon S. Frost of Philadelphia. Consumers Mutual operated the Canton Station gas plant, also known as the 4<sup>th</sup> Gas House, from 1877 until 1904 when operations ceased. The facility manufactured gas by the carbureted water-gas process. Apparently, Consolidated Gas of Baltimore sold the property in 1910. The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company presently owns the site.

## **Environmental Investigations**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) listed the Canton Station site because natural gas was previously produced at this facility and recommended an investigation of the site because of problems noted during past inspections at similar facilities regarding the disposal practices of natural gas by-product wastes. In 1985, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene prepared a *Preliminary Assessment* of the Canton Station site and found no history of hazardous waste problems at the site, and recommended no further action at that time.

#### **Current Status**

This site is on the State Master List that identifies potential hazardous waste sites in Maryland. The Master List includes sites currently identified by the EPA's Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System. EPA has given the site a designation of No Further Remedial Action Planned. The designation of No Further Remedial Action Planned by EPA does not mean that MDE has reached the same conclusion concerning further investigation at the site. The information contained in the fact sheet presents a summary of past investigations and site conditions currently known to MDE.

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