

5. In 1992 it was estimated that clean up at Badin (spent pot liners et al) would cost \$50 million. At two other Alcoa smelter sites that proved accurate, but not Badin. Why?

The 1992 report provided an estimate of remediation costs at Badin Works before thorough evaluations were completed. More than 100 studies and reports have been conducted under the direction of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources to assess the environmental condition of the Badin Works site. Those studies determined what was required to remediate the site, under the direction of state and federal authorities.

Alcoa has been responsible and transparent about the cleanup of the former Badin Works site. We began working with state and federal officials in the early 1990s to identify and investigate waste sites on its property in Stanly County and to take appropriate action to remediate the sites. We have thoroughly investigated any concerns raised by the community and worked closely with the US Environmental Protection Agency and NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources to identify and address environmental issues in a proactive way.