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COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN
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**AIW FRANK/MID COUNTY MUSTANG
SUPERFUND SITE**

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PREFACE

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This Community Relations Plan for the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Superfund Site was developed by Dynamac Corporation under Contract Number 68-W9-0005 (TES VIII), Work Assignment Number C03069, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region III.

This Community Relations Plan is a working document intended to serve as a flexible guide to communication with the community affected by this Site. The activities and schedules recommended here are based on current concerns of the community expressed during interviews with local officials and interested residents. This document will be reviewed and revised as necessary to address any changes in these concerns or additional concerns brought to the attention of EPA.

The goal of this Community Relations Plan is to establish useful communication between the community and EPA. The activities designated in this Plan should be conducted within the community located near the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Superfund Site in order to promote a better understanding of Site activities and community involvement.

Throughout this Plan, certain terms will appear in **bold type**. These terms are defined in a glossary in Appendix E.

SECTION 1

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OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

This **Community Relations Plan** for the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Superfund Site (the Site) highlights issues, concerns and interests of the community located near the Site in Exton, West Whiteland Township, Pennsylvania. The Plan will outline suggested and required community relations activities to be conducted by the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**. The contents of this Plan are based on information obtained from EPA files and community interviews conducted in December 1990 and February and March 1991.

Most of the residents contacted during interviews said they were unaware, prior to receiving EPA's first fact sheet about the Site, that the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang facilities are part of the Federal Superfund program. However, once they were informed that the area is a Superfund site, many expressed interest in being interviewed by EPA staff and/or said they would be interested in attending a public meeting about the Site. At this time, the level of interest in the Site appears to be moderate.

All of the activities described here are designed to provide residents of West Whiteland Township with information about the progress of Site activities and to address specific issues, concerns and questions the community may have regarding this Site. The public will be given the opportunity to have input on the decisions made in reference to actions at the Site.

The Plan is divided into the following sections:

- **SITE DESCRIPTION**

This section describes historical, geographical and technical details related to the Site.

- **COMMUNITY BACKGROUND**

This section provides information on the community surrounding the Site and their concerns and interests.

- **OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN**

This section describes the objectives of the Community Relations Plan that has been developed for this Site.

• COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES AND TIMING

This section specifies the types of activities that may be conducted and the time frame in which they should be conducted.

• APPENDICES

The appendices provide names, addresses and telephone numbers for: Federal, state and local officials; possible public meeting places; the **information repository**; and local media that may be interested in Site information. A list of names, addresses and phone numbers of key community leaders and interested parties is also provided in Appendix A. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of private citizens who have shown an interest in the Site have not been included in Appendix A, but will be maintained at EPA Region III headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Appendix D contains information on **Technical Assistance Grants** and Appendix E provides a glossary of all bolded terms used in this document.

EPA Region III maintains lead responsibility for managing the Superfund remedial process at the Site and the **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADER)** will provide support during the process. EPA Region III also maintains lead responsibility for the community relations activities at the Site.

SECTION 2

SITE DESCRIPTION

2.1 SITE LOCATION

The AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Superfund Site consists of two areas of concern. The first area is a 15-acre facility located at 717 East Lincoln Highway (Route 30) in Exton, Pennsylvania, which was operated by the AIW Frank Corporation from 1962 until 1981. Currently, this area consists of an abandoned building and open fields.

The other area measures less than one-acre in size, borders the former AIW Frank property and is also located on East Lincoln Highway. This area was the former location of the Mid County Mustang Company and now is the location of Rex Carle Automotive Services, which operates an automobile repair facility onsite. (See Figure 1 on page 5.)

As mentioned above, both areas are on East Lincoln Highway (Route 30), a main road in the Exton area which is heavily traveled, particularly during rush hours. Directly across the highway from the Site is the West Whiteland Executive Center, which is an office park/complex. Church Farm School and Saints Philip and James Elementary School are also located near the Site on Route 30.

2.2. SITE HISTORY

From 1962 until they declared bankruptcy in 1981, AIW Frank produced styrofoam cups and plates at their facility on Route 30. During their operations, the company used cleaning solvents that contained the chemicals trichloroethylene (TCE) and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA). Although use of these cleaning solvents was common at the time, it was later discovered that the chemicals TCE and 1,1,1-TCA are hazardous and exposure to them could be potentially hazardous to human health. The Site is currently owned by the Continental Refrigeration Corporation, which manufactured refrigerators, freezers and warming cabinets for the industrial food services industry at the plant until it closed in 1988 due to bankruptcy.

The second area at the Site is the former location of the Mid County Mustang Company. It is currently owned by CDS Investments of Paoli, Pennsylvania and is leased by Rex Carle Automotive Services, which utilizes the facility for car repair services. This area has been used as either an automobile repair or body shop since the 1940's. Previous owners of the facility used steam and solvents to clean automobile engines and disposed of the material into floor drains that discharged into the lot's septic field. The area now consists of an auto garage, a parking lot and a small lawn containing the septic field.

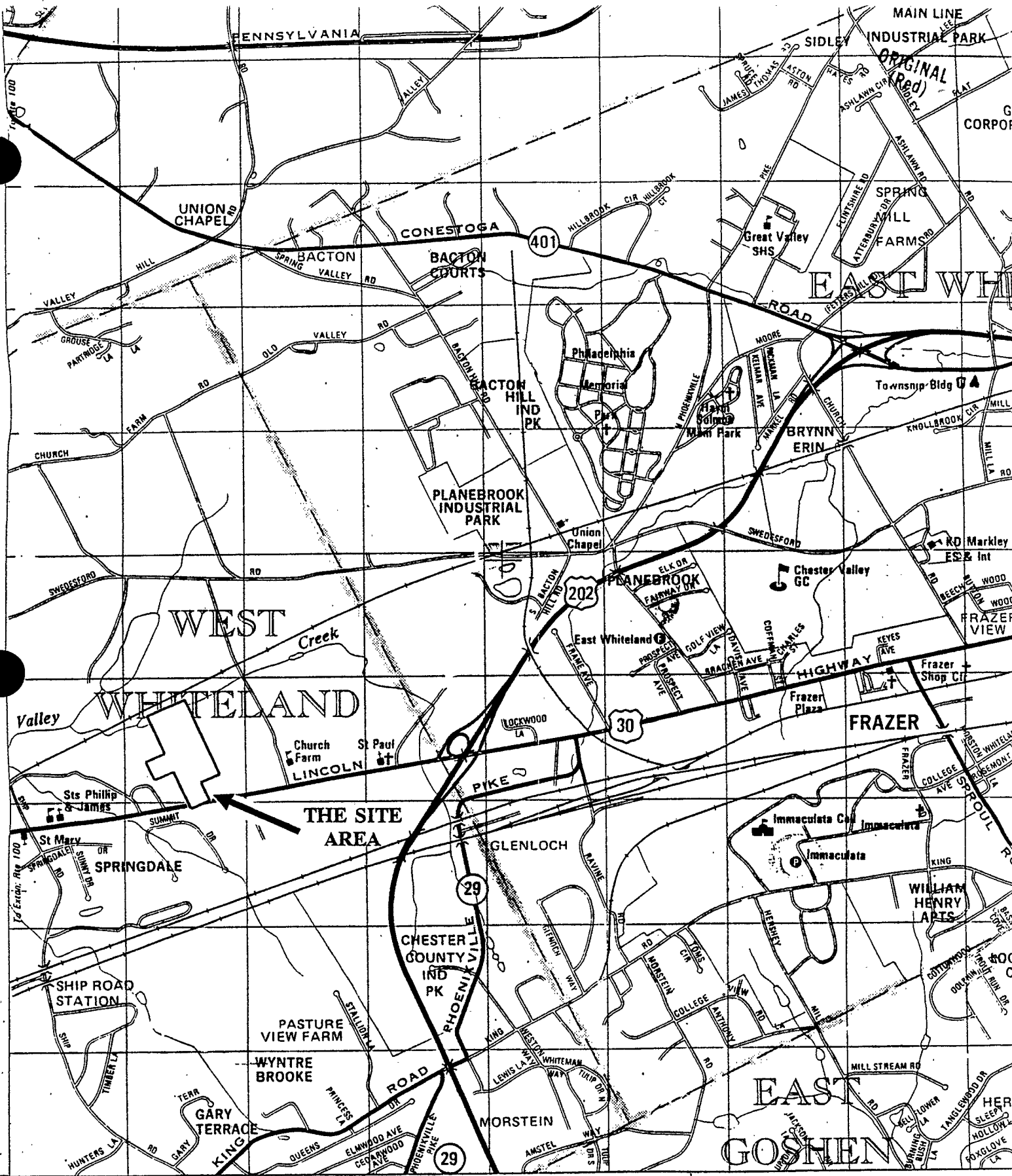


FIGURE 1:

In 1982, during a ground water monitoring program, PADER found elevated TCE levels in private residential water supply wells. PADER identified the AIW Frank facility as the possible source of the TCE. Further investigations uncovered waste solvents stored in drums and tanks that were buried onsite, as well as soil contaminated with waste solvents and oils. PADER believes that improper handling and disposal of cleaning solvents during AIW Frank's operation may have caused this contamination.

Sampling at the Mid County Mustang Site has detected TCE, **tetrachloroethene (PCE)**, **methylene chloride** and **carbon tetrachloride** in the floor drain and in the septic field. An onsite ground water well is contaminated with TCE, PCE and 1,1,1-TCA.

In April 1989, the West Whiteland Township fire marshal discovered 30 drums in an abandoned building onsite. In January 1990, the drums, containing mostly methylene chloride, were removed under the supervision of PADER and EPA and taken to an approved hazardous waste disposal facility.

As a result of the **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)** commonly known as "**Superfund**," which was passed by Congress in 1980, EPA has the authority to investigate sites where there is a threat or potential threat to the public or the environment because hazardous substances have been released or could potentially be released in the future. This Site was reviewed by EPA through their **Hazard Ranking System**. This system scores the site based on various criteria, including the potential of hazardous substances spreading from the site through ground water, surface water and/or air, and on other factors such as nearby population. The designated ranking decides whether a site is placed on the **National Priorities List** and included in the Federal Superfund program. The AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Site was included on the List in October 1989.

2.3 CURRENT SITE STATUS AND FUTURE SITE WORK

At this time, EPA's main concern is the possible contamination of the area's ground water. The residential wells located near the Site were closed soon after the contamination was discovered. The people relying on those wells are currently using bottled water or have been connected to the West Whiteland Municipal Authority, which is a water supply system in the area.

EPA has identified several **Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)** as being associated with this Site. Potentially Responsible Parties are the companies or individuals who are responsible for, or contributed to, a site's contamination. Since negotiations with the PRPs did not produce an agreement to fund the Site studies, EPA will use Superfund monies to pay for the investigation.

EPA expects to receive a Work Plan from the contractor they have chosen to conduct the Site studies by the end of May 1991. After EPA approves the Work Plan, the **Remedial Investigation** will begin. EPA estimates that the Investigation will begin in August 1991. The Remedial Investigation will determine the nature and extent of contamination at the Site and usually takes about 18 months to complete. In conjunction with the Remedial Investigation, EPA will conduct a **Feasibility Study** to analyze the alternative methods available to clean up the Site. This Study should be completed three months after the completion of the Remedial Investigation.

After the Feasibility Study is completed, EPA will issue a **Proposed Remedial Action Plan** which will describe the different cleanup methods analyzed during the Feasibility Study, as well as EPA's preferred alternative. The public will be encouraged to express their comments and/or questions regarding all of the cleanup methods outlined in the Proposed Plan. The community will be invited to comment on the alternatives during a minimum thirty day **public comment period**. Also, during the public comment period, EPA will hold a public meeting to present their findings to the community and to discuss any questions or concerns residents or local officials may have regarding the Site.

EPA will review all comments made regarding the Site before deciding upon the final remedial cleanup alternative. Its selection will be issued in a document entitled a **Record of Decision**. The average time span between the beginning of the Remedial Investigation and the issuance of the Record of Decision is approximately 24 months. The technical drawings and specifications for the cleanup will then be developed during the **Remedial Design** phase and then, the work needed for the **Remedial Action**, the actual cleanup, will begin.

SECTION 3

COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

3.1 COMMUNITY PROFILE

West Whiteland Township experienced one of the largest population increases in Chester County in the 1980s. The Township population rose from 9,581 in 1980 to 12,403 in 1991. Chester County experienced the third highest population increase in the state of Pennsylvania with an increase from 316,660 in 1980 to 376,396 in 1991. While population was increasing in the County, so were employment, per capita income, housing sales and prices, residential construction and non-residential construction. The county has changed from a "bedroom" community for nearby urban areas to an employment center which has brought in new jobs, workers and residents to the area.

The government of West Whiteland Township is composed of a town manager and, presently, two township supervisors. Chester County's government consists of three commissioners, one of whom is elected chairman.

A major housing development proposal from Willard Rouse and Associates is currently being considered by West Whiteland Township officials and the Planning Commission. This proposal has received media coverage and appears to have created interest among residents.

3.2 CHRONOLOGY OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Most of the residents and officials interviewed were aware of the January 1990 drum removal which took place at the Site because of the media attention the removal received. The majority of the residents interviewed, however, were not aware that the area was a Federal Superfund Site until they received EPA's fact sheet on the Site in October 1990. Most of the residents of West Whiteland Township are hooked into the public water system; however, those residents living closest to the Site rely on domestic wells. These residents were aware of the ground water contamination problem because PADER had tested their wells and advised them to use bottled water. One of the residents living close to the Site said that she had smelled fumes in the vicinity of the Site since about 1975. A resident living near the Site requested further information on Technical Assistance Grants. EPA supplied the resident with a TAG information booklet.

Neither the local nor Federal officials who were interviewed had received any inquiries regarding the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Site. Local officials did say that they had received inquiries regarding the Cockerham facility located in Exton which is presently being investigated as a potential Superfund Site by EPA. Representative Schultze's office, located in Paoli, had received extensive inquiries regarding the Paoli Superfund Site but had not received any inquiries about the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Site.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

EPA recognizes community relations as an integral part of the Superfund process. The Agency's goal is to encourage public participation in the decision-making process. EPA strives to maintain open lines of communication between the community and the EPA staff working on the sites in their area. EPA staff will keep the community informed of the work that is taking place onsite and in the area. Since the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Superfund site is in Exton and EPA is currently investigating another potential Exton site, it is important to keep the community informed of the work EPA is conducting to establish a good rapport between the community and the Agency.

The following section highlights the objectives of the Superfund Community Relations program:

- **KEEP AREA RESIDENTS AND OFFICIALS INFORMED IN A TIMELY MANNER ABOUT SITE ACTIVITIES**

Residents were interested in receiving updates about the Site. One fact sheet regarding the Site has been distributed to date. All of the residents interviewed said that they would be pleased with this type of format and would like to receive future fact sheets. Many residents who were unable to meet with EPA for the purpose of community interviews stated that they would be interested in attending a public meeting about the Site. One resident felt that more media coverage would be helpful in keeping the community informed about the Site.

- **ENLIST AND ENCOURAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND INTERESTED RESIDENTS IN COORDINATING COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES**

It is important to ensure that Federal, state and local officials, as well as local civic groups in the area, are kept up-to-date on Site information. These individuals can facilitate the exchange of information between the community and EPA.

- **PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY WITH INFORMATION ON THE SUPERFUND PROCESS AND HOW IT RELATES TO THE SITE**

Information on the Superfund process and how it relates to the Site and the community should be provided to the community and local officials throughout the different phases of the cleanup and process. This information will help to identify EPA's purpose, involvement, responsibilities and activities

at the Site. Overall Superfund information will be helpful in promoting a better understanding of how this Site is included in the Superfund program and then remediated. The names, addresses and phone numbers of the EPA **Community Relations Coordinator** and **Remedial Project Manager** will also be provided to ensure that the community has access to EPA staff.

- **COMPLY WITH CERCLA/SARA REQUIREMENTS**

EPA will comply with all requirements associated with the remediation of a National Priorities List site as specified under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA).

SECTION 5

COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES AND TIMING

The following community relations activities are designed to accomplish the objectives identified in the previous section of this Plan. These community relations activities should be performed in conjunction with all Site activities to ensure that the community is well-informed. The first five activities described below will be or have been conducted as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, 1980) as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA, 1986). The other activities listed below are suggested activities that may take place and/or be performed.

1. ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN INFORMATION REPOSITORY.

Purpose: An information repository has been established and is being maintained to ensure that accurate, site-specific information is readily available to interested residents and to provide those residents with a better understanding of the overall Superfund process. As the work necessary to remediate the Site progresses, more information will be added to the repository. When the repository is complete, it will contain technical reports, Site reports including the Community Relations Plan, Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study reports, fact sheets, Superfund program information and the Administrative Record. The Administrative Record is a file containing all of the information used to make a decision on the selection of a remedial response action for the Site which is documented in the Record of Decision.

Timing: The information repository has already been established.

Location: The information repository is located in the West Whiteland Township Building in Exton, Pennsylvania. (See Appendix B for the address, phone number and hours.)

2. HOLD A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED PLAN

Purpose: The public comment period provides residents with the opportunity to review all of the cleanup alternatives proposed for the Site and to express their opinions and questions on EPA's alternatives for remedial action at the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Superfund Site. Community input is encouraged and citizens will be advised that EPA considers all comments before making a final decision on a remedial action.

Timing: The public comment period will last for a minimum of thirty days and will be held following the release of EPA's Proposed Plan for Site

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remediation. The comment period can be extended by citizen request.

3. PREPARE THE RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

Purpose: A Responsiveness Summary documents the public's questions, concerns and issues raised during the public comment period on the selection of a cleanup alternative for the Site. EPA's response to those questions, concerns and issues are also documented in this Summary.

Timing: The Responsiveness Summary will be developed at the close of the public comment period and will be included as part of EPA's Record of Decision, which is the document issued by EPA explaining the selected cleanup alternative for the Site.

4. REVISE THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

Purpose: The Community Relations Plan will be revised to record any significant changes in community concerns and to update the schedule of community relations activities as necessary.

Timing: After the Record of Decision has been issued for the Site, the Community Relations Plan will be revised to outline the activities that should be conducted during the Remedial Design and Remedial Action phases of the Superfund process. If community concerns should increase or change during the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, then the Plan should be revised at that time to address those concerns.

5. PREPARE AND PLACE NOTICES AND MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Purpose: Notices will be issued and placed by EPA with the local media to announce official public meetings, the establishment of the information repository, the availability of the Proposed Plan and the release of the Record of Decision.

Timing: Notices will be issued in accordance with the time schedule of the activities listed above.

6. PREPARE FACT SHEETS

Purpose: Fact sheets have been provided to the public providing a history of the Site, an explanation of the Superfund program, updates on Site-related activities and EPA's plans to clean up the Site. The residents EPA spoke with during the community interviews indicated that they found the fact sheets informative and would like to receive future updates about the Site in this

format.

Timing: The first fact sheet was issued before the start of the Remedial Investigation. Subsequent fact sheets should be distributed on approximately a bimonthly or quarterly basis. Fact sheets should be mailed, distributed at informal and public meetings and be made available at the information repository.

7. CONDUCT INFORMAL MEETINGS

Purpose: Informal meetings help keep EPA in touch with the concerns of the area residents. Residents can ask questions and EPA can explain Site activities and plans in an informal, relaxed environment. The EPA Remedial Project Manager, EPA Community Relations Coordinator for the Site and interested residents and officials may participate in these meetings.

Timing: Informal meetings should be scheduled on an "as needed" basis.

8. PREPARE NEWS RELEASES AND RESPOND TO MEDIA INQUIRIES

Purpose: Periodic news releases issued by EPA will ensure that accurate and consistent information is disseminated to the media. Information appearing in local newspapers, publications and on radio and television can effectively and quickly reach a large number of residents in a relatively short period of time. News releases may provide information on significant findings at the Site, key project dates and announcements of public meetings. The name and phone number of an EPA contact will be included in the release in case the media have additional questions on the information in the release. A list of local newspapers, radio and television stations is provided in Appendix C.

Timing: News releases may be issued on an "as needed" basis.

9. HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS

Purpose: Public meetings may be held to update the community on Site activities and results of Site investigations. This public meeting forum gives the public the opportunity to question EPA staff about the Site and express their opinions, comments and concerns. The residents spoken with during the community interviews felt that a public meeting would be beneficial. Many of the residents contacted by telephone who were not able to meet with EPA during the community interviews said that they would be interested in attending a public meeting on the Site. A recommended meeting place is listed in Appendix B.

Timing: A public meeting should be held during the public comment period before the adoption of a remedial action plan. Additional public meetings can also be held periodically to update the community on Site activities. Since residents have already expressed interest in attending a public meeting, EPA may want to schedule a public meeting before the commencement of the Remedial Investigation.

10. **COMPILE A MAILING LIST**

Purpose: EPA compiles a mailing list to maintain a current listing of all individuals and organizations who have expressed an interest in the Site. The mailing list will contain the names, addresses and phone numbers of Federal, state and local public officials, community organizations and media contacts. A separate list containing the names, addresses and phone numbers of private citizens who have expressed an interest in the Site will also be maintained. This list will not be considered a public document but will be maintained and housed at EPA Region III headquarters in Philadelphia, PA. These lists will be utilized in the mailing of fact sheets, public notices, telephone calls and/or other communications.

Timing: A mailing list has been compiled for this Site and will be updated periodically. (See Appendix A.) Interested parties may be added to the mailing list at any time by contacting the EPA Community Relations Coordinator also listed in Appendix A.

11. **DESIGNATE AN EPA CONTACT FOR INFORMATION**

Purpose: An EPA contact will be established to ensure that all inquiries from the public and the media are responded to promptly, accurately and consistently. The EPA Community Relations Coordinator assigned to the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Superfund Site will serve as the information contact. The name, address and telephone number for EPA's information contact for this Site is located in Appendix A.

Timing: The name of the EPA information contact will be released to the public in all fact sheets, press releases and advertisements issued by EPA.

12. **CONTACT OFFICIALS BY TELEPHONE**

Purpose: Telephone contact with key individuals, such as the local officials of West Whiteland Township, may be utilized to ensure that the officials are aware of public meetings, community interviews, press releases, fact sheet mailings, etc. Providing the officials with this type of information may help them in keeping up-to-date with Site activities and may help to

maintain open lines of communication with EPA and the residents of their communities.

Timing: Telephone calls may be made on an "as needed" basis.

13. CONDUCT WORKSHOPS FOR LOCAL CITIZENS/COMMUNITY GROUPS.

Purpose: EPA staff may arrange to speak with local community groups about the Site and the Superfund process and to address their questions or concerns. Providing the local community with this type of access to EPA staff can keep direct lines of communication open between the community and the Agency.

Timing: EPA staff may schedule these types of workshops/meetings as requested by community groups.

14. HOLD EDUCATIONAL AND SAFETY PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Purpose: EPA is developing a program that will provide school-age children with information on Superfund, EPA and hazardous wastes. The purpose of the program is to educate children about the need for safety precautions near a Superfund site. The program will be designed in a format that children will understand. Since there is a concern among residents regarding children playing near the creek that runs near the Site, this program may be implemented in the local area schools.

Timing: EPA is currently developing this school program. When it is completed, EPA staff may schedule the presentation of the program at the school's request.

15. INSTALL A SIGN IDENTIFYING THE AREA AS A HAZARDOUS WASTE AND SUPERFUND SITE

Purpose: Many Superfund Sites appear to be inconspicuous and therefore people may innocently trespass on the site. This is the case with the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Site and the installation of a sign will identify the area as a Superfund Site and deter potential trespassers.

Timing: EPA is currently in the process of procuring a sign for the Site.

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APPENDIX A

Contact List of Key Community Leaders
and Interested Parties

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LIST OF CONTACTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

A. FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

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c/o Elvis Solivan, Field Representative
Room 9400 Federal Building
600 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
(215) 597-7200

Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-4254

Senator Harris Wofford
Room 9456
William J. Green Jr. Federal Building
6th & Arch Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19106
(215) 597-9914

Russell Office Building
Room 277
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-6324

Representative Richard T. Schulze
c/o Jon Friffe, Aide
10 South Leopard Road, Ste. 204
Paoli, PA 19301
(215) 648-0555

Chester County
(West Whiteland Township)

2369 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-5761

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B. STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Earl M. Baker
c/o Kurt Toll, Legislative Director
209 West Lancaster Avenue
Paoli, PA 19301
(215) 296-7828

Chester County
(West Whiteland Township)

Room 457, Senate of Pennsylvania
Senate Post Office
Harrisburg, PA 17120
(717) 787-5709

Representative Elinor Z. Taylor
c/o Sarah Finnaren, Administrative Assistant
13 W. Minor Street
West Chester, PA 19382
(215) 436-4433

Chester County
(West Whiteland Township)

315 Main Capitol Building
House P.O. Box 84
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0028
(717) 783-3737

C. LOCAL OFFICIALS

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Township Manager
West Whiteland Municipal Building
P.O. Box 210
Exton, PA 19341
(215) 363-9525

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Township Supervisor
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(215) 363-9525

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Chester County Commissioners
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West Chester, PA 19380
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Chester County Commissioner
Chester County Courthouse
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West Chester, PA 19380
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Honeybrook, PA 19344
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(215) 832-6027

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Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources
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APPENDIX B

Locations for Public Meetings and Information Repository

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LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS AND
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RECOMMENDED PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION

J & J Catering
Peaches Banquet Hall
880 Springdale Drive
Exton, PA 19341
(215) 363-2956

Capacity: Can accommodate up to 500 people.

Price: Approximately \$120 for an evening meeting.

One microphone is available at the hall.

Contact: Arrangements can be made through Gina Baldino.

INFORMATION REPOSITORY

West Whiteland Municipal Building
222 North Pottstown Pike
P.O. Box 210
Exton, PA 19341
(215) 363-9525

Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Stephen Ross, Township Manager

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APPENDIX C

Media List

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Rob Yoegel
The Community Courier
319 N. Pottstown Pike
Suite 213
Exton, PA 19341
Office (215) 594-0790
FAX # (215) 594-0793

Weekly Newspaper.
1/4 Page Display Ad = \$156
Deadline: 4 p.m. on Wed.
Circulation: 28,000
Contact: Kathi Dunlap

Richard Lenowitz
The Record/The Village News
204 E. Lincoln Highway
Coatsville, PA 19320
Office (215) 384-4900
FAX # (215) 384-8708

The Record
Daily Newspaper.
1/4 Page Ad = \$260.04.
Deadline: 2 days prior to run.
Circulation: 7,000
Contact: Cynthia Lichok

The Village News
Weekly Newspaper,
1/4 Page Ad = \$316.14
Deadline: noon on Monday.
Circulation: 28,000
Contact: Cynthia Lichok

Combination Ad Rates
1/4 Page Ad in both The
Record & Village News =
\$443.85.

Monika Saladino
Chester County Press
P.O. Box H
Oxford, PA 19363
Office (215) 932-2444
FAX # (215) 932-2246

Weekly Newspaper.
1/4 Page Ad = \$286.65
Deadline: noon on Tuesday.
Circulation: 15,166
Contact: Andy Lieberman

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APPENDIX D

Technical Assistance Grants .

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The purpose of the Technical Assistance Grant is to enable local citizen groups to hire technical experts to review and interpret reports generated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or by potentially responsible parties at each National Priorities List site. Information on how to apply for a Technical Assistance Grant can be obtained by contacting:

Alan Brown (3EA21)
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Procedures for applying for a Technical Assistance Grant are also explained in the Citizens Guidance Manual which is made available with all site information at the local information repository designated earlier in this Community Relations Plan.

The EPA will accept applications for Technical Assistance Grants as mandated by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act. Only one group can receive a Technical Assistance Grant per site, so EPA urges local groups to join together to apply.

After careful review of the Citizens Guidance Manual, interested groups can apply by sending Letters of Intent to Alan Brown at the above address. An advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper announcing the group's intent to apply for a Grant, and requesting any other interested groups to send their application, or join the group that has already applied. A 30-day comment period follows this announcement.

Citizens are invited to apply for a Technical Assistance Grant in order to assist them in gaining a better understanding of the technical information associated with each Superfund site.

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APPENDIX E

Glossary of Technical Terms

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GLOSSARY

Administrative Order by Consent (Consent Order): A legal agreement signed by EPA and Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) whereby PRPs agree to perform or pay for the cost of response actions or phases of remedial responses such as the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.

Carbon Tetrachloride: A colorless, nonflammable liquid used as a degreaser in a variety of industrial uses. This chemical may be harmful if inhaled, ingested or absorbed into the skin.

Cleanup: Actions taken to deal with a release or threatened release of hazardous substances that could affect public health and/or the environment.

Community Relations Coordinator: The EPA or state member who works with the Remedial Project Manager to keep communities informed of all site-related activities taking place at Superfund sites in the area.

Community Relations Plan (CRP): A document written by EPA for each Superfund Site that describes the issues and concerns of the community with regard to the site and describes the activities that EPA may conduct to address these concerns.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA): The law passed by Congress in 1980 which created a special tax on the chemical and petroleum industries that is kept in a trust fund commonly known as Superfund. This law also gave EPA the authority to investigate and clean up abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): A Federal agency with regional offices throughout the country that works with state and local governments, industry and others to manage and enforce the nation's environmental laws.

Ground Water: Underground water that fills pores in soil or openings in rock in large enough quantities to supply drinking or well water.

Hazard Ranking System (HRS): A scoring system used to determine the risks posed to human health and the environment from hazardous substances found at waste sites. The score decides whether or not a site is placed on the National Priorities List.

Information Repository: A file containing information generated about a Superfund site. This file is usually established in a conveniently located public building.

Methylene Chloride: A nonflammable, colorless liquid used as a degreaser in a variety of industrial uses. This chemical can be harmful if inhaled, ingested or absorbed into the skin.

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National Priorities List (NPL): EPA's list of most serious abandoned or uncontrolled waste sites that may be cleaned up using Superfund monies.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADER): The state's environmental agency that works closely with EPA on Pennsylvania Superfund sites.

Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs): The companies and/or individuals who are potentially responsible for, or contributed to, the contamination problems at a Superfund site.

Proposed Remedial Action Plan: A document in which EPA summarizes for the public all of the alternatives evaluated to clean up a Superfund site, as well as EPA's preferred cleanup strategy.

Public Comment Period: A time period during which the public can review and comment on various documents and EPA actions. For example, a minimum 30-day comment period is held to allow community members to review and comment on a draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Report and a Proposed Remedial Action Plan.

Record of Decision: A public document that explains which cleanup alternative(s) will be used at a Superfund site.

Remedial Action: The actual construction or implementation phase of a Superfund site cleanup that follows the remedial design.

Remedial Design: The engineering phase following a Record of Decision when technical drawings and specifications are developed for the cleanup of a Superfund site.

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS): A two-part study to determine the nature and extent of contamination (RI), and the different methods available to clean up the site (FS).

Remedial Project Manager: The EPA official responsible for overseeing the cleanup activities at a Superfund site.

Responsiveness Summary: A summary of oral and/or written comments received by EPA during a comment period on a site's Proposed Remedial Action Plan, and EPA's responses to those comments. This document is a key part of a site's Record of Decision, highlighting community concerns for EPA decision-makers.

Superfund: A special account created in 1980 when Congress passed the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the Superfund law. This law created a tax on the chemical and petroleum industries that is collected and deposited into a trust fund to clean up abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites.

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Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA): Modifications made by Congress to CERCLA enacted on October 17, 1986.

Technical Assistance Grant (TAG): One \$50,000 grant per site that can be given to community groups for the purpose of hiring a technical expert to interpret site-related technical information.

Tetrachloroethene (PCE): A colorless, nonflammable liquid used as a degreaser and for a variety of other industrial purposes. PCE may be harmful if inhaled, ingested or absorbed into the skin.

1,1,1-Trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA): A colorless, nonflammable liquid used for a variety of industrial purposes. This chemical may be harmful if inhaled, ingested or absorbed into the skin.

Trichloroethylene (TCE): A colorless liquid used as a solvent for metal degreasing and in other industrial uses. TCE may be harmful if inhaled, ingested or comes in direct contact with the skin.

3.3 KEY COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The following section summarizes the main concerns and comments expressed during EPA's interviews with the Exton community and local and Federal officials.

- **GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION**

Many of the residents and officials were concerned about the ground water contamination onsite and the potential of that contamination to spread from the Site. The residents living closest to the Site who still rely on domestic wells were all concerned about this issue as were several residents on public water who questioned the safety of the township wells.

- **SURFACE WATER CONTAMINATION**

Several residents were concerned about the potential for contamination of surface water, particularly in the creek that runs near the Site. Their concern is primarily based on the fact that children play near the creek, which runs by the Saints Philip and James Elementary School and the Church Farm School.

- **HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL PROCEDURES**

Several residents were concerned about the procedures used to dispose of contaminants and the enforcement of laws/guidelines that govern hazardous waste disposal. This is an issue with many residents because the area has the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Site and EPA is currently investigating the Cockerham facility as a possible second area Superfund site.

- **PAYMENT OF THE CLEANUP**

Everyone interviewed asked who would be responsible for paying for the cleanup of the Site. Several residents were concerned that the township would have to assume some of the financial responsibility.

- **REAL ESTATE VALUES**

Several residents were concerned that the close proximity of their homes to the Site could lower the resale value of their homes if they tried to sell their property.

- **TIME FRAME OF THE COMPLETE CLEANUP**

One resident expressed dissatisfaction with the amount of time that will be needed to completely clean up the Site. This issue was related to the resident's concern about real estate values.

- **PUBLICITY REGARDING THE SUPERFUND SITE**

One resident suggested that the cleanup and Superfund process should be handled in a "low key" manner. The resident felt that the word "Superfund" had a negative connotation. This concern was also related to the resident's concern over real estate values.

- **HOW THIS SITE COULD AFFECT THE PROPOSED NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

A proposed large housing development in the area has received considerable media coverage. The development would be located relatively close to the Site. All those interviewed asked how this Site could affect the plans for the development.

- **TRAFFIC PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE CLEANUP**

One resident expressed a concern over increased traffic problems on Route 30, which runs directly in front of the Site. The road is heavily traveled during the evening and morning rush hours and the resident feels that any work being conducted onsite and in view of the road could create a "gaper block."

- **AWARDING OF SITE RELATED WORK TO LOCAL COMPANIES**

One resident expressed the opinion that some of the work that is required to conduct the cleanup should be awarded to local companies who are experienced and competent in environmental cleanups.

- **THE SUPERFUND PROCESS**

Most of the residents interviewed were not familiar with the Superfund process. They expressed interest in learning about the process because of the AIW Frank/Mid County Mustang Site.