

# NPL Site Narrative for Norwood PCBs

## NORWOOD PCBs

### Norwood, Massachusetts

**Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984):** The Norwood PCBs Site is a privately owned industrial site covering approximately 24 acres in a commercial/residential area of Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. The property was developed for industrial use in the 1940s and was occupied by several manufacturers of electrical components, including transformers that used PCBs as a dielectric fluid and coolant. In June 1983, EPA and the State identified PCBs in surface soils at the site and secured the area with guards. Also in June, EPA used \$200,000 in CERCLA emergency funds to excavate approximately 518 cubic yards of contaminated soil and transport it to a regulated disposal facility.

Other contaminants, including benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and trichloroethylene, have been found on the site in soils, surface water, ground water, and ambient air. Ground water in the area is used for municipal, private, and industrial water supplies, according to a report of the U.S. Geological Survey.

**Status (June 10, 1986):** The present owners of the site have initiated a lawsuit against former owners and operators for site cleanup and damages. The lawsuit names EPA and the State as indispensable parties. In December 1985, the State completed the initial remedial measure of fencing the site and covering additional PCB-contaminated soil.

For more information about the hazardous substances identified in this narrative summary, including general information regarding the effects of exposure to these substances on human health, please see the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) ToxFAQs. ATSDR ToxFAQs can be found on the Internet at [ATSDR - ToxFAQs](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq/index.asp) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq/index.asp>) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.