

NPL Site Narrative for Fried Industries

FRIED INDUSTRIES

East Brunswick Township, New Jersey

Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984): Fried Industries formulates industrial cleaners and cleaning agents on a 26-acre site in a rural-suburban area in East Brunswick Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The area was previously a clay pit.

In December 1983, EPA, under a search warrant, found that hazardous wastes were improperly stored on-site and that soil was contaminated with organic chemicals (including tetrachloroethylene and chloroform) and copper. In a limited excavation, EPA found deteriorated buried drums. The total number is unknown. There is a strong potential for the site to contaminate ground water and surface water. About 33,000 people in the surrounding area draw drinking water from wells. In a limited air survey, EPA detected above-background levels of organic vapors on-site.

Status (June 10, 1986): East Brunswick Township has provided hook-ups to a public water supply to those residents whose wells have low-level contamination.

Using CERCLA emergency funds, EPA is emptying two storage tanks and one impoundment area which is threatening to overflow onto the surface surrounding the site.

EPA is conducting a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

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/toxfaqs/index.asp) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp>) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.