

NPL Site Narrative for Claremont Polychemical

CLAREMONT POLYCHEMICAL Old Bethpage, New York

Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984): Claremont Polychemical produced materials for coloring plastic in Old Bethpage, Nassau County, New York, from August 1966 through October 1980. The site consists of a 1-story building covering 40,000 square feet situated on an 8-acre lot. On March 13, 1975, the State issued a Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit to the company. In November 1975, the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDH) inspected the site and found approximately 1,500 drums scattered about, some uncovered and others leaking or lying on their sides. The drums contained inks, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride resins, and organic solvents.

From May to September 1980, the company sorted and removed drums from the site. An inspection by NCDH on September 26, 1980, revealed the soil was contaminated with inks and solvents. NCDH directed Claremont to excavate contaminated soils. On October 27, 1980, counsel to Claremont told NCDH that the company was in receivership and that funds for the cleanup were no longer available. Conditions have not changed since October 1980. In August 1984, the State and the company signed an Administrative Order on Consent requiring the company to undertake a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

About 47,000 people draw drinking water from wells within 3 miles of the site. The nearest public supply well is 3,500 feet northwest of the site.

Status (June 10, 1986): The measures called for by the August 1984 order are underway.

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