

# NPL Site Narrative for GE Wiring Devices

## GE WIRING DEVICES

### Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico

**Conditions at listing (December 1982):** The General Electric Co. Wiring Devices Site in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, is a 5-acre facility that formerly manufactured mercury light switches. On the property is a 0.5-acre inactive open dump for off-specification products. It is possible for contaminants to erode from the dump, which is uncovered, onto a farm. The site, located in a residential area, is fenced. A small amount of debris from the dump is just outside the fence. A public water supply well is located within 1,200 feet of the site. EPA has not detected mercury in the air or well. Testing by the company for the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has found mercury in the open dump.

**Status (July 1983):** The company plans to clean up the site. It has hired a consultant to determine the extent of ground water and soil contamination and to present evidence that a continuous clay layer underlies the open dump. EPA is working with EQB and the company in efforts to clean up the site.

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