

# NPL Site Narrative for Vega Alta Public Supply Wells

## VEGA ALTA PUBLIC SUPPLY WELLS

### Vega Alta, Puerto Rico

**Conditions at listing (September 1983):** The well field supplying 28,500 residents of Vega Alta, Puerto Rico, consists of five wells. All are contaminated with chlorinated solvents. One, the Ponderosa well, was closed in January 1983 when a survey of public water wells made by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) detected high levels of trichloroethylene. The Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority is trucking and/or piping in drinking water to the residents. The source of the contamination has not been identified.

**Status (June 1984):** Through an Interagency Agreement with EPA, USGS plans to undertake a preliminary hydrogeological assessment of the site. The study will be integrated into a remedial investigation/feasibility study EPA is planning to identify the source(s) of contamination and alternatives for remedial action.

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