NPL Site Narrative for New Castle Spill

NEW CASTLE SPILL New Castle County, Delaware

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The New Castle Spill Site in New Castle County, Delaware, is situated in an industrial and commercial location. The shallow aquifer has been sampled and several compounds have been found, including TRIS [tris (beta-chloropropyl) phosphate] and other organic substances. It is known that some of these chemicals were stored at a nearby industrial facility, but other chemicals, source unknown, were also found in ground water. The shallow aquifer that had been used by the New Castle Board of Water and Light was taken out of service, and 7,000 people are now supplied water from another source.

This site was once listed under the name "Tris Spill."

Status (July 1983): EPA is presently reviewing the toxicity of TRIS to determine the health hazard.

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) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.