

NPL Site Narrative for MW Manufacturing

MW MANUFACTURING Valley Township, Pennsylvania

Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984): The MW Manufacturing Site covers about 20 acres in the center of Valley Township, Montour County, Pennsylvania. Copper is recovered from scrap wire on the site. MW Manufacturing, the original operator, used both mechanical and chemical processes. The company went bankrupt in the early 1970s. The second (and present) operator uses a mechanical process. The waste accumulation on the site consists of a surface impoundment of 6 acres, 400,000 cubic feet of finely divided metal wire scraps ("fluffs"), about 50 drums, a 6,000-gallon tank, and a landfill holding 20,000 cubic feet of wastes.

The site was first proposed for listing under the name "Domino Salvage Yard."

Spent chlorinated organic solvents apparently were dumped on the site. EPA sampling and analyses revealed that lead is present in high concentrations in nearby drinking water wells. About 1,500 people use wells within 3 miles of the site as a source of drinking water.

The State has investigated the site since the late 1960s and issued orders for cleanup since 1971. At present, there is a Consent Order to clean up the site. The present owner, Warehouse 81 Limited Partnership, has removed and disposed of some of the hazardous waste and processed some of the fluff, but has not removed the amount specified in the State order.

Status (June 10, 1986): EPA plans to conduct a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

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