

# NPL Site Narrative for Bendix Flight Systems Division

## BENDIX FLIGHT SYSTEMS DIVISION Bridgewater Township, Pennsylvania

**Conditions at proposal (September 18, 1985):** Bendix Flight Systems Division manufactures aircraft instruments on a 40-acre site in Bridgewater Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. From 1952 to 1978, solvent wastes were dumped onto the ground on the property.

A consultant to Bendix has studied the site and submitted a remedial plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PA DER). According to the consultant's study, the principal sources of contamination appear to be a trichloroethylene storage tank area and a pit/trench used for disposal. Other potential contributors are the former distillation facility and an old landfill.

On-site soils contain significant levels of several volatile organic solvents which have contaminated 11 off-site residential wells, according to tests conducted by the consultant. About 1,400 people draw drinking water from private wells within 3 miles of the site. Bendix has installed filters on water lines to residents with contaminated wells and has also studied local geological conditions, installed monitoring wells, and prepared a plan for cleaning up contaminated soil and ground water.

**Status (July 22, 1987):** PA DER is negotiating a Consent Order and Agreement with Bendix Flight Systems Division 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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