

NPL Site Narrative for Saegertown Industrial Area

SAEGERTOWN INDUSTRIAL AREA Saegertown, Pennsylvania

Conditions at proposal (June 24, 1988): The Saegertown Industrial Area covers approximately 100 acres in the Borough of Saegertown, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. Tests conducted in April 1980 by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PA DER) found that Saegertown Municipal Water Authority's Well No. 2 was contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE) and 1,1,1-trichloroethane. The well was taken out of service in June 1980 and returned to service in March 1984.

To date, several potential sources of the contamination have been identified. GATX operated a plant for cleaning and repairing railroad tank cars on the site from the mid-1950s to 1965. The company used a pond for disposal of materials left in the cars and sludge from a water treatment plant. Tests conducted by EPA in July 1984 detected TCE, tetrachloroethylene, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and 1,4-dichlorobenzene in pond sediments and on GATX property.

Since 1964, Saegertown Manufacturing Co. has manufactured small steel components in the area. In 1981, PA DER detected lead and TCE breakdown products in the company's septic tank, and TCE in wells on the company's property.

Spectrum Control, Inc., has manufactured ceramic capacitors in the Saegertown Industrial Area since 1969. The company used TCE and 1,1,1-TCA to clean the capacitors, according to information the company provided to the Borough of Saegertown. PA DER has detected 1,1,1-TCA in wells on the company's property.

Lord Corp. has provided adhesives, urethane coatings, and "rubber chemicals" on the site since 1962. TCE, 1,1,1-TCA, xylene, and methyl isobutyl ketone (MIK) are used in the manufacturing process. In 1980, PA DER sampling detected TCE, 1,1,1-TCA, xylene, and MIK in cooling waters contained in on-site unlined lagoons.

Other potential sources have been identified and are currently being evaluated.

Approximately 1,200 people draw drinking water from municipal wells and a private well within 3 miles of the Saegertown Industrial Area. No other water source is available.

Status (February 21, 1990): PA DER is investigating the possibility that parties potentially responsible for wastes associated with the site will conduct a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

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) (http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.