

# NPL Site Narrative for T.H. Agriculture & Nutrition Co. (Albany Plant)

## T.H. AGRICULTURE & NUTRITION CO. (ALBANY PLANT) Albany, Georgia

**Conditions at proposal (June 24, 1988):** T. H. Agriculture & Nutrition Co. formerly formulated and packaged pesticides on a 7-acre site in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia. The site is in the suburbs of Albany in an agricultural area of the State. The company purchased the facility in 1966 from a previous operator. During the 1970s and possibly late 1960s, the company operated under the name Thompson-Hayward Chemical Co. The company took the present name in 1981. Formulation operations continued until 1976. The facility served as a warehouse/distribution center until 1982, when it was closed.

Soils and shallow ground water are contaminated with pesticides, including toxaphene, lindane, DDT, and methyl parathion, according to tests conducted in September 1985 by a consultant to the company. Albany uses the deep artesian aquifer for drinking water. However, an estimated 3,300 Lee County residents within 3 miles of the site obtain drinking water from wells drilled into the shallow, contaminated aquifer.

Kinchafoonee Creek is less than 1 mile northeast of the site. Kinchafoonee Creek joins Muchalee Creek and Flint River, which are dammed to form Lake Worth. Lake Worth is used for recreational activities and to generate hydroelectricity.

In 1984, the company transported contaminated soils, debris, and building rubble from the site to a hazardous waste facility regulated under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division oversaw the action.

**Status (March 31, 1989):** EPA's preliminary plan for fiscal year 1989 includes 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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