

NPL Site Narrative for Independent Nail Co.

INDEPENDENT NAIL CO. Beaufort, South Carolina

Conditions at listing (September 1983): The Independent Nail Co. manufactures metallic screws on a site 3 miles north of Beaufort, Beaufort County, South Carolina. The company bought the site from Blake and Johnson in 1980. There is a 1-acre lagoon on the site into which Blake and Johnson placed waste water containing cyanide, chromium, cadmium, lead, nickel, zinc, copper, and iron. When Independent Nail bought the site, it asked Blake and Johnson to investigate the quality of ground water. In response, Blake and Johnson installed three monitoring wells of intermediate depth. Analyses revealed that ground water has been impacted by the lagoon. Further tests conducted by the State showed that the contaminated ground water has moved outside of the area covered by the monitoring wells. Surface water has been locally contaminated by the lagoon, but it is not used as a source of drinking water.

Status (June 1984): EPA is considering various alternatives for the site.

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