

NPL Site Narrative for Jennison-Wright Corporation

JENNISON-WRIGHT CORPORATION Granite City, Illinois

Conditions at Proposal (October 1995): The Jennison-Wright Corporation site is located on a 20-acre parcel of property at 900 West 22nd Street in Granite City, Madison County, Illinois. The area surrounding the site consists primarily of residential and industrial properties. Operations began at the facility in 1910 and continued until 1989. The facility treated wood block flooring and railroad ties. Compounds used in the operations included creosote, pentachlorophenol, and zinc naphthenate. Jennite, an asphalt sealer product composed of coal tar, pitch, clay and water was also manufactured at the site.

Operations at the site began in 1910. Midland Creosoting Company acquired portions of the property in 1921 and 1926. Midland Creosoting Company conveyed and warranted their holdings to the Jennison-Wright Corporation on January 29, 1940. The Jennison-Wright Corporation operated at the site until 1981, when the property was acquired by 2-B-J.W. After acquiring the property, 2-B-J.W. changed its name to Jennison-Wright Corporation. Neyra Industries purchased the Jennite equipment and continued the Jennite process onsite. Operations at the site continued until the Jennison-Wright Corporation filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in November 1989. An auction was held in 1990 to sell process equipment and other items.

Wastes generated during treating operations include waste and wastewaters contaminated with creosote, pentachlorophenol, and related compounds. These wastes were disposed in two lagoons. After operations ceased, wastes were left at the site in a railroad tank car, a buried railroad tank car, two above-ground storage tanks, and two lagoons. Samples collected by the Illinois EPA during 1988 and 1991 CERCLA inspections revealed that soils at the site and nearby residential soils have been shown to contain similar compounds.

In 1992, Illinois EPA stabilized waste hazards at the site. This consisted of asbestos removal and containment, removal and containment of contaminated material from the lagoon area, and securing of drums in a building on-site. Currently, the Illinois EPA is conducting a non-time critical removal action at the site that will address the tanks, the railroad tank cars, the lagoons, and the drums.

Status (June 1996): The State has proposed a remedial investigation/feasibility study, but no action has been taken due to a lack of funding.

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.