NPL Site Narrative for Alsco Anaconda

ALSCO ANACONDA Gnadenhutten, Ohio

Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984): The Alsco Anaconda Site is an inactive sludge disposal lagoon on Alsco plant property adjacent to the Tuscarawas River in Gnadenhutten, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. The 0.3-acre lagoon is in permeable soils and is not lined. From 1971 to 1978, the company disposed of the equivalent of 18,000 drums of waste in the lagoon. Lagoon sludge contains chromium and cyanide, according to analyses conducted by Alsco Anaconda's contractor.

City and private drinking water wells serving 3,100 people draw ground water from aquifers within 3 miles of the Alsco Anaconda Site. There are no alternative sources of drinking water.

Status (June 10, 1986): In March 1985, the company, under the supervision of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, began a study to determine the extent of contamination at the site.

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) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.