NPL Site Narrative for Waste Research & Reclamation Co.

WASTE RESEARCH & RECLAMATION CO. Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Conditions at listing (September 1983): Waste Research & Reclamation Co. has recycled oil and solvents from industrial sources at a 19-acre site in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, since 1975. Hazardous wastes were also treated and stored on the site, which is privately owned and operated. It is located about 0.5 mile east of Lowes Creek, a tributary of the Chippewa River. The techniques used to handle and store drums allowed wastes to spill on the site. Run-off from waste processing has been collected in unlined impoundments. Organic solvents from the site contaminate ground water, according to analyses conducted by the State, but to date no residential wells are contaminated.

In June 1980, the State ordered the company to monitor the ground water. The company submitted a technical response, which the State evaluated.

Status (June 1984): In February 1983, the State signed a Consent Order with the company for a long-term monitoring program. The results of the technical investigation are due later this year.

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.