

NPL Site Narrative for French, Ltd.

FRENCH, LTD. Crosby, Texas

Conditions at listing (October 1981): The French, Ltd., site is an abandoned waste pit on 15 acres in Crosby, Harris County, Texas. It is in the floodplain of the San Jacinto River and has been flooded on several occasions. The site received approximately 100,000 barrels of industrial waste per year between 1966 and 1972. Wastes included heavy metals, phenols, PCBs, oil, grease, acids, and solvents. During litigation with the State over violation of environmental law, the company declared bankruptcy and deeded the site to the State in 1973. No wastes have been disposed of at the site since then. The pit is located in permeable sands, and ground water is contaminated, as well as adjacent drainage ditches which discharge to the San Jacinto River. Low levels of contamination were measured in the air in the immediate vicinity of the pit.

Status (July 1983): In April 1982, EPA awarded a \$437,000 Cooperative Agreement to Texas for a remedial investigation to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and a feasibility study to identify alternatives for remedial action. The work is scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter of 1983. In March 1983, EPA added \$29,668 to the award.

In June, using about \$83,000 in CERCLA emergency funds, EPA removed PCB-contaminated sludge from the pit and sent it to an approved landfill for disposal.

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.