

NPL Site Narrative for Pesses Chemical Co.

PESSSES CHEMICAL CO. Fort Worth, Texas

Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984): The Pesses Chemical Co. Site is an abandoned facility in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. The facility formerly recycled nickel-cadmium sludge, copper-cadmium sludge, off-specification batteries, and spent batteries. Prior to processing, these batteries were stored on the 4.6-acre site in 55-gallon containers and other containers. The residues from recycling were dumped and spilled onto the ground. When the facility closed in 1981, 2,000 drums remained on the site. The company, which also did business under the name "Metcoa," is in bankruptcy.

In March 1983, there was a fire at the site, and a fireman was hospitalized after inhaling toxic fumes. In April 1983, using \$338,000 in CERCLA emergency funds, EPA removed the drums, containers, contaminated debris, and some contaminated soil from the site, and also put a temporary clay cap on the site.

Analyses conducted by EPA indicate that there is extensive contamination of on-site soils with lead, cadmium, and copper. Also, there is the potential for hazardous substances to leave the site via wind-blown particles and surface run-off. A housing project and a playground are within 0.25 mile of the site. Children often cross unsecured portions of the site.

Status (June 10, 1986): A public meeting was held on February 26, 1985, to discuss a remedial investigation/feasibility study, which will determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

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/toxfaq/index.asp) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq/index.asp>) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.