

# NPL Site Narrative for Hewlett-Packard (620-640 Page Mill Road)

## HEWLETT-PACKARD (620-640 PAGE MILL ROAD) Palo Alto, California

**Conditions at proposal (June 24, 1988):** Hewlett-Packard manufactured optoelectronic equipment on a 10-acre site at 620-640 Page Mill Road in Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California, until 1986. In July 1981, at least 300 gallons of waste solvents, including 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, toluene, xylene, and alcohols, leaked from a buried storage tank for a period of at least 3 weeks. The company excavated the tank and approximately 100 cubic yards of contaminated soil and transported the materials to a hazardous waste facility regulated under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Since 1982, the company has been pumping and treating contaminated ground water.

Tests conducted in 1986 by a consultant to Hewlett-Packard detected trans-1,2-dichloroethylene, 1,1-dichloroethylene, trichloroethylene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, and xylene, several in high concentrations (290,000 parts per billion) in ground water under the tank area. An estimated 57,000 people obtain drinking water from municipal wells within 3 miles of the site.

In 1987, Hewlett-Packard excavated an additional 810 cubic yards of soil around the former tank area.

**Status (February 21, 1990):** Hewlett-Packard is conducting a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) to determine the type and extent of off-site contamination and identify alternatives for remedial action. A report on the RI/FS is due in February 1990.

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