



AIW Frank/Mid-County Mustang Superfund Site

West Whiteland Township, Pennsylvania

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Keeping You Informed

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is supervising cleanup work at the AIW Frank/Mid-County Mustang Superfund Site. As part of its continuing effort to keep residents informed of Site activities, EPA has prepared this fact sheet. It provides background information and will tell you:

- What has happened recently at the Site
- What will happen next
- How to get more information

Site Background

The AIW Frank/Mid-County Mustang Superfund Site is composed of two adjoining properties located approximately one mile east of Exton in West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The AIW Frank property is located at 717 East Lincoln Highway (Route 30). The Mid-County Mustang property is located at 891 East Lincoln Highway.

Former Site Operations

The AIW Frank property is an inactive manufacturing facility. From 1962 to 1981, the AIW Frank Corporation manufactured styrofoam products on the property. Continental Refrigerator Corporation subsequently bought it and, from 1983 to about 1988, manufactured commercial refrigeration units there.

The Mid-County Mustang property, currently leased by Rex Carle Automotive Services, has been used as a car repair shop or body shop since the 1940s.

Contamination Problems

Starting in 1982, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PA DER) conducted soil and ground water tests on and near

both properties. (Ground water, located beneath the earth's surface, is often a source of drinking water.) These tests revealed that soil and ground water on the properties were contaminated by volatile organic chemicals, which are chemicals commonly used as industrial solvents and degreasers. The tests also indicated that contamination might have spread beyond the properties and affected area soil and ground water.

Identified for Cleanup

EPA subsequently conducted its own studies and, in October 1989, placed the 16-acre AIW Frank/Mid-County Mustang Site (containing both properties) on the National Priorities List. This is EPA's list of the nation's most serious uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites identified for possible cleanup using Superfund money. EPA's goal during the Remedial Investigation at the AIW Frank/Mid-County Mustang Superfund Site is to determine the threats to human health and the environment posed by the Site.

What Has Happened Recently?

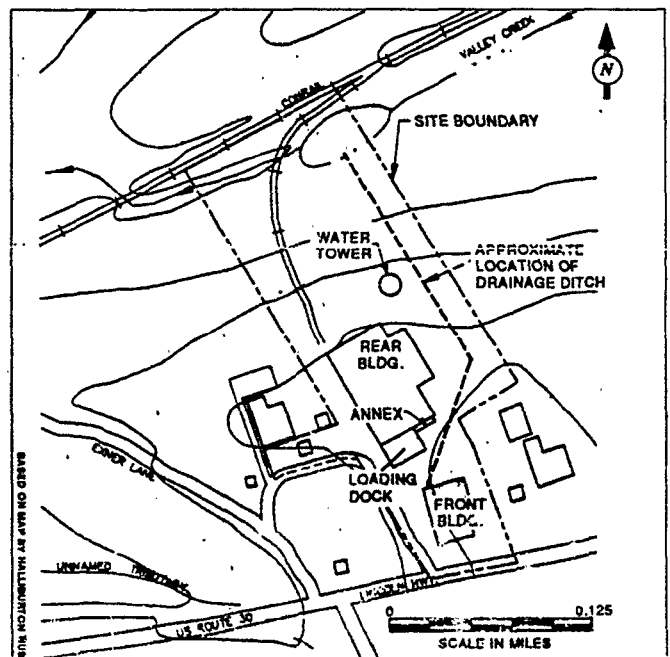
Onsite Fire

In August 1991, a fire broke out on the AIW Frank property and gutted the front building at the Site. Following the fire, EPA found low levels of asbestos in the remains of the building. In July 1992, EPA began removing the asbestos. *continued on back*

Public Meeting

EPA will hold a public meeting to update residents on Site activities. Officials from EPA will be on hand to present information about the Site and answer questions. Originally scheduled for July 20, this meeting has been re-scheduled for August 5 to better accommodate all interested community members.

Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.
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222 North Pottstown Pike
Exton, PA 19341



Site Layout Map

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been completed, EPA will demolish and remove the building.

Residential Well Sampling

In November 1991, EPA sampled 15 residential wells near the Site. This sampling identified low levels of Site-related contaminants in two of the wells. EPA is exploring alternatives for the residential wells. Most area residences are already hooked up to the municipal water system.

Work Plan Approved

EPA has approved the Work Plan for the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. The Remedial Investigation will clarify the nature and extent of Site contamination. The Feasibility Study will use data from the Remedial Investigation to develop and evaluate potential methods of addressing any contamination.

What Will Happen Next?

Field Work

In August 1992, the contractor hired by EPA to perform the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (HALLIBURTON NUS) will begin field work. This work will involve extensive sampling and analysis of soils, ground water, surface water, and sediments (soils and other materials washed from land into water). It also will involve investigating remaining Site structures and storage areas. All field work will be closely supervised by EPA.

This summer and fall, workers will drill new ground water monitoring wells and dig soil test pits. They will sample the new wells and test pits to generate information needed to develop the Remedial Investigation report.

Remedial Investigation Report

EPA expects that HALLIBURTON NUS will complete the initial draft Remedial Investigation report and submit it to EPA in the spring of 1993. EPA expects to receive the final Remedial Investigation report in the summer of 1993.

Feasibility Study Report

EPA anticipates that it will receive the draft Feasibility Study report in spring of 1993 and the final report later that summer. This report will assess ways to remediate (clean up) the Site.

Proposed Plan

Once EPA has approved the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study reports, it can begin studying the various remedial (cleanup) alternatives. EPA will announce its preferred remedial alternative(s) in a document called the Proposed Plan. The Proposed Plan will summarize the results of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, list all the remedial alternatives, and state which alternative(s) EPA prefers. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan during a public comment period.

Your EPA Contacts

Merv Harris is the new EPA Community Relations Coordinator for the Site. Merv, who has replaced Alan Brown at the Site, keeps residents and local officials up-to-date on Site activity. Lisa Nichols has replaced Ann DeLong as the EPA Remedial Project Manager for the Site. Lisa supervises the progress of all technical work. Both Merv and Lisa are available to address your

Site-related questions and concerns.

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The Information Repository

EPA has established an information repository at the West Whiteland Township Building so that you can have access to Site documents and general information about the Superfund process. EPA will place reports and other documents in the repository as they become available.

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Illegal Dumping
Over the past several months, EPA has noticed several instances of illegal dumping at the Site. EPA is concerned that this activity might hamper the Remedial Investigation. If you have any information about illegal dumping at the Site, please call one of the EPA officials listed above.

Mailing List Additions/Questions and Comments

If you would like to be added to EPA's mailing list and receive additional fact sheets about the AIW Frank/Mid-County Mustang Superfund Site, or if you would like to send EPA a question or comment about the Site, please complete this form and mail it to: Merv Harris (3EA21), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Name _____ Phone Number _____
Street Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

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