NPL Site Narrative for Hunterstown Road

HUNTERSTOWN ROAD Straban Township, Pennsylvania

Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984): The Hunterstown Road Site covers 3 acres on both sides of Hunterstown Road, Straban Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania. From 1970 to 1984, the owner of the property apparently disposed of wastes generated by several local corporations. The operation had no permit. The majority of the waste, consisting of paint sludges and various solvents, was dumped on the ground. Ground water and surface water are contaminated with various volatile organic compounds, according to tests conducted by the State and EPA. Trichloroethylene (TCE) is the predominant chemical found on the site. About 9,500 people use wells within 3 miles of the site for drinking water.

In April 1984, Westinghouse Electric Corp., a generator of wastes disposed there, excavated a waste lagoon and contaminated soil on the site and transported the materials to an approved disposal site under an Administrative Order EPA issued under Section 106 of CERCLA. As an emergency action, EPA constructed a fence around the lagoon area. However, soils, ground water, and a small stream on the site still are contaminated, according to EPA analyses.

Status (June 10, 1986): In January 1985, EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources signed a multisite cooperative agreement which provides CERCLA funds to the State for various sites, including Hunterstown Road. The funds are to start work preparatory to a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

In April 1985, EPA completed a search for parties potentially responsible for wastes associated with the site. Also in April, EPA took on-site and off-site soil and water samples.

A final workplan for the RI/FS is due shortly. The State will then begin to negotiate with potentially responsible parties for the RI/FS.

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.