

NPL Site Narrative for Syntex Facility

SYNTEX FACILITY Verona, Missouri

Conditions at listing (December 1982): North Eastern Pharmaceutical and Chemical Co. produced hexachlorophene (soap) from 1969 to 1972 in Verona, Missouri, at a site leased from Hoffman-Taff Chemical Co. The facility was later acquired by Syntex Agribusiness, Inc. Dioxin was produced as a by-product during the manufacturing of trichlorophenol, which was used to make hexachlorophene. Dioxin residues were disposed of in several areas at the Verona facility. Fish taken from the Spring River, which runs by the site, are contaminated with dioxin as far as 96 miles downstream. In August 1982, Syntex signed a Consent Order with EPA under Section 3013 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, agreeing to study the disposal sites and the Spring River.

Status (July 1983): EPA is reviewing the results of a monitoring study by Syntex and is currently in negotiations with the company to undertake remedial actions under the terms of a Consent Order under CERCLA Section 106.

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