

NPL Site Narrative for Coast Wood Preserving

COAST WOOD PRESERVING Ukiah, California

Conditions at listing (December 1982): Coast Wood Preserving operates a wood-treating facility on a 7.5-acre site 2 miles south of Ukiah in northern California. Portions of the site are located over two streams at a point 0.5 mile upstream of where they meet the Russian River. The river supplies municipal, domestic, and agricultural water. The area is a ground water recharge zone. The ground water supplies domestic, agricultural, and industrial water.

As a result of past handling and storing practices, inorganic chemicals have contaminated soil, ground water, and surface water. A study conducted by Coast Wood found elevated concentrations of chromium, arsenic, and copper in ground water. Soil and sediment also contain elevated levels of chromium, arsenic, and copper.

The State has taken several enforcement actions against the company. Most recently, in May 1981, the State issued a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) requiring the company to establish a time schedule and interim steps to stop releases of toxic waste to ground water and surface water. In September 1981, the case was referred to the State Attorney General when the company violated the CDO. In December 1981, Mendocino County Superior Court issued a Stipulation for Preliminary Injunction against the company.

Status (July 1983): At present, the company is continuing its investigation to determine the full extent of ground water contamination. Concurrently, the company is pumping out the contaminated plume and is storing it on-site until a final method of treatment and disposal has been determined.

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