NPL Site Narrative for Peak Oil Co./Bay Drum Co.

PEAK OIL CO./BAY DRUM CO.
Tampa, Florida

Federal Register Notice: June 10, 1986

Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984): The Peak Oil Co./Bay Drum Co. Site covers 15 acres east of Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida. From the late 1950s until the late 1970s, Peak Oil re-refined oil and disposed of wastes in an acid sludge pond measuring 82 feet x 100 feet x 10 feet. Bay Drum, which operated at about the same time as Peak Oil, recycled drums and disposed of wash water in a holding pond on the site.

Surface water, ground water, sediments, and sludges are contaminated with PCBs, pesticides, solvents, and heavy metals, according to analyses conducted by EPA. The Peak Oil/Bay Drum Site is located within 2 miles of the Brandon Well Field, which is part of the Hillsborough County Water Supply System. The system supplies drinking water to 57,000 people.

Status (June 10, 1986): Ownership of Bay Drum has changed hands, and EPA has sent the new owner a letter explaining his liabilities under CERCLA.

The Peak Oil and Bay Drum portions of the site are being handled separately for CERCLA remedial funding. Incineration of sludges at Peak Oil is scheduled to start early in 1986 using
CERCLA emergency funds.

[The description of the site (release) is based on information available at the time the site was evaluated with the HRS. The description may change as additional information is gathered on the sources and extent of contamination. See 56 FR 5600, February 11, 1991, or subsequent FR notices.]