

# NPL Site Narrative for Laskin/Poplar Oil Co.

## LASKIN/POPLAR OIL CO. Jefferson Township, Ohio

**Conditions at listing (July 1982):** The Laskin/Poplar Oil Co. Site covers 10 acres in Jefferson Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio. It is an abandoned greenhouse and waste oil recovery operation. Liquids stored in ponds and tanks contain heavy metals, PCBs, and other organics. The tanks and ponds have the potential to overflow, leak, or collapse because of poor construction and maintenance. Any contaminants released would enter Cemetery Creek, which runs adjacent to the site. The creek, a tributary of the Grand River, is the source of drinking water for 24,000 Ashtabula County residents.

In late 1980, following a discharge of oil into Cemetery Creek, emergency response funds under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act were used for cleanup and containment activities. In early 1981, emergency funds were needed to prevent oil from spilling into the creek. The cost of the two actions was \$479,000.

The Department of Justice, on behalf of EPA, brought a Federal civil action seeking injunctive relief against parties responsible for wastes at the site. This resulted in a suit in 1979 under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. A Consent Decree in 1980 committed the company to clean up the site. When it did not, \$1.2 million in CERCLA emergency funds was allocated to eliminate the threat posed by two open storage tanks and two large lagoons containing contaminated oil.

This site was once listed under the name "Poplar Oil Co."

**Status (July 1983):** In May 1983, EPA approved \$430,000 for a (1) remedial investigation to the type and extent of contamination both on- and off-site and (2) a feasibility study to identify exposure pathways and alternatives for remedial action at the site, outlining the investigations needed to determine the full extent of cleanup required at the site. It will guide further actions at the site.

**Status (August 1989):** EPA has dropped this site from the proposed NPL and is conducting a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action. The final remedial investigation report was approved in October 1985.

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.