

NPL Site Narrative for Mercury Refining, Inc.

MERCURY REFINING, INC. Colonie, New York

Conditions at listing (December 1982): Mercury Refining, Inc., processes industrial wastes to reclaim mercury in Colonie, New York, near the Albany City boundary. On the property is a 0.5-acre dumping area littered with thousands of cases of miniature silver-mercury batteries. Tests indicate the waste is at least 3 feet deep. The site is adjacent to Patroon Creek, a tributary to the Hudson River, which feeds the Three Mile Water Works, an alternate water supply for Albany. Stream sediments have high concentrations of heavy metals, including mercury, as well as PCBs.

Status (July 1983): EPA is preparing a Remedial Action Master Plan outlining the investigations needed to determine the full extent of cleanup required at the site. It will guide further actions at the site.

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