

NPL Site Narrative for Van Dale Junkyard

VAN DALE JUNKYARD Marietta, Ohio

Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984): The Van Dale Junkyard covers about 10 acres northeast of Marietta, Washington County, Ohio. It is on a ridge near Duck Creek, a tributary to the Ohio River. The owner was licensed by the county to receive junk for salvage. In addition, the owner accepted hundreds of drums containing waste dyes and organic chemicals. As a result of the facility's geology and poor management practices, the creek, sediments, and an adjacent marshy area are contaminated with organic chemicals and metals, according to tests conducted by EPA and the State. Additionally, the potential exists for contamination of local private wells serving about 20 people.

The Ohio Attorney General filed a suit against the owner/operator of the facility on January 13, 1984. On February 29, 1984, the owner/operator agreed to a Preliminary Injunction enjoining the facility from accepting solid and hazardous waste, and from filling, grading, excavating, or burning wastes.

The site was originally proposed for the NPL in December 1982. In September 1983, it was dropped from consideration because, on the basis of the data then available, its score on the Hazard Ranking System, which EPA uses to assess sites for the NPL, was below the 28.50 cutoff. On the basis of new data gathered by the State since September 1983, the site's score is high enough to warrant proposing it again for the NPL.

Status (June 10, 1986): EPA is considering various alternatives for the site.

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