

NPL Site Narrative for Wedzeb Enterprises, Inc.

WEDZEB ENTERPRISES, INC. Lebanon, Indiana

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The Wedzeb Enterprises, Inc., site consists of two warehouses in Lebanon, Indiana. They were used to store capacitors, many containing oils, for subsequent distribution and resale. In May 1981, a fire destroyed one warehouse, which contained about 50,000 capacitors, and caused the release of PCBs and low levels of dioxin and tetrachlorodibenzofuran (TCDF) into the immediate environment. The PCB-contaminated warehouse debris remains on the site, which is neither secure nor posted. There is no protection from wind and precipitation. State and Federal investigators sampled the site on several occasions, beginning in May 1981. Most samples obtained from the warehouse rubble contained more than 500 parts per million (ppm) PCBs; one contained 24,500 ppm. Dioxin and TCDF were in concentrations (30 to 500 parts per trillion) that could not adversely affect human health. Low concentrations of PCBs were detected in Prairie Creek. PCBs may have contaminated sludge from the Lebanon sewage treatment plant via a basement drain (later sealed) in the warehouse. Ground water is threatened because on-site soil is permeable, as is the aquifer 100 feet below.

In June 1981, the State requested that the principal owner of Wedzeb submit a proposal for cleanup and disposal. The situation was referred to the State Attorney General for action in October 1981.

Status (July 1983): The Indiana State Board of Health is discussing cleanup requirements with the owner.

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