NPL Site Narrative for Chemical & Minerals Reclamation

CHEMICAL & MINERALS RECLAMATION Cleveland, Ohio

Conditions at proposal (October 23, 1981): Chemicals & Minerals Reclamation is an inactive reclamation, recycling, and storage facility located along the banks of the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, Ohio. EPA started litigation against the owners in 1979, resulting in a temporary restraining order and a final court order that gave EPA authorization to remove the hazardous wastes and charge the costs to the owners. Cleanup progressed until July 2, 1980, when a fire forced the facility to close. Afterwards, six 3,500-gallon vats and 2,000 drums containing chlorinated and nonchlorinated solvents, acids, and sludges remained on the site. On February 27, 1981, a Section 311 violation of the Clean Water Act was declared at the site because of the possibility for contamination of the navigable river. After the declaration, several hundred drums and the total contents of the vats were removed under Section 311. The remainder of the drums will be removed and site structures demolished.

Status (December 30, 1982): This site was on the Interim Priorities List, announced October 23, 1981 before formal rulemaking began in the Federal Register. This site is being deleted from the NPL because EPA, in consultation with the State of Ohio, has determined that all appropriate Superfund-financed response under CERCLA has been implemented, and that no further response by responsible parties is appropriate.

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) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.