

NPL Site Narrative for Metal Banks

METAL BANKS

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The Metal Banks Site covers 6 acres in an urban/industrial neighborhood next to the Delaware River in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After processing transformers and oil contaminated with PCBs there for a number of years, Metal Banks closed the operation in 1972. In 1977, EPA determined that periodic oil slicks found in the Delaware River adjacent to the site were contaminated with PCBs. The site was subsequently identified as the source of the slicks. A U.S. Coast Guard study revealed that up to 20,000 gallons of PCB-contaminated oil were in the ground water under the site and were leaking into the Delaware River.

Status (July 1983): Negotiations are now in progress on a suit filed by EPA against Metal Banks in 1980. The company is currently pumping the contaminated ground water and treating it to remove the contamination.

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/toxfaq/index.asp) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq/index.asp>) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.