

NPL Site Narrative for Dayco Corp./L.E. Carpenter Co.

DAYCO CORP./L.E. CARPENTER CO. Wharton Borough, New Jersey

Conditions at proposal (April 10, 1985): Dayco Corp./L.E. Carpenter Co. manufactures vinyl-coated wall coverings on a site of about 2 acres in Wharton Borough, Morris County, New Jersey. Prior to 1970, the company disposed of polyvinyl chloride sludge by burying it in drums.

In January 1982, Dayco Corp./L.E. Carpenter Co. and the State entered into an Administrative Consent Order requiring the company to remove the sludge, study ground water contamination, and decontaminate ground water. Later in the year, the company removed approximately 4,000 cubic yards of sludge and soil in the rear of the property.

In 1983, an engineering firm hired by the company studied ground water and prepared a proposal to decontaminate it. The firm estimated that approximately 20,000 gallons of recoverable organic solvents are floating on the ground water beneath the site. Additional investigations are underway.

The facility is located in the floodplain of the Rockaway River, a recharge area for the unconsolidated Quaternary Aquifer, which is designated a sole source of drinking water for the Rockaway River Basin area. Dover Township wells and Wharton Borough wells serving 27,000 people are within 3 miles of the plant.

Status (July 22, 1987): In September 1986, the State and Dayco Corp./L.E. Carpenter Co. entered into an Administrative Consent Order requiring the company to conduct a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action. Additional field work is expected to start in late summer 1987.

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