NPL Site Narrative for Ellis Property

ELLIS PROPERTY Evesham Township, New Jersey

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The Ellis Property covers 3 acres in Evesham Township, New Jersey. The site, once the scene of drum-cycling operations, consists of: a large two-story building housing several washing tanks and troughs and 50 to 75 drums, many full; three sheds containing various size drums and chemical containers, which are full; and an area adjacent to the sheds containing about 100 55-gallon plastic drums, most of which still contain some acid liquid. Several hundred drums are spread haphazardly around the site. Many spills are obvious.

The site is surrounded by cultivated fields. An intermittent stream named Sharps Run is less than 0.3 mile to the south. Ground water and surface water are suspected of being contaminated with acids. The Englishtown Aquifer directly underlies the site, with the Magothy and Raritan Formations at about 320 feet below. Ground water in the vicinity supplies drinking water for 900 homes and water for irrigation of farmland.

Status (July 1983): The State has removed all drums from the site and neutralized soils in the area with lime. EPA is awaiting documentation from the State regarding the cleanup.

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.