

NPL Site Narrative for Koppers Coke

KOPPERS COKE

St. Paul, Minnesota

Conditions at listing (July 1982): The former Koppers Coke Site covers about 45 acres in the Midway Industrial Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. From 1911 to 1979, Koppers operated a facility that converted coal to coke and produced such by-products as coal tars and coal tar distillates. The company has dismantled and removed all equipment from the site and completed an intensive on-site investigation. It revealed that wastes discharged to the ground in unlined earthen pits and disposed of on the surface contaminate soil and ground water with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, thiocyanate, ammonia, sulfates, phenols, oil, and grease. Based on information currently available, the contamination does not threaten St. Paul's municipal water supply, which comes from the Mississippi River north of Minneapolis.

Status (July 1983): In cooperation with the State, Koppers has been working to remove coal tar wastes and contaminated soil from the property. Thus far, Koppers has excavated and shipped 17,500 cubic yards of material to a secure disposal site in Illinois. The surface cleanup has been completed, and Koppers has sold the property to the St. Paul Port Authority, which intends to make it available to developers of the St. Paul Energy Park.

EPA and the State are investigating migration of contamination from the site.

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