NPL Site Narrative for A. O. Polymer

A. O. POLYMER Sparta Township, New Jersey

Conditions at listing (December 1982): A.O. Polymer manufactured resins on a 4-acre site in Sparta Township, New Jersey. Among the wastes left on-site when operations ceased were 350 leaking and deteriorating drums. Buried drums were crushed or left unsealed prior to burial. In mid-1980, the State removed all solid and buried materials. In October 1980, a waste generator removed 84 drums of liquid wastes. In December 1981, the State removed another 266 drums and completed removal of liquid materials. The site continues to threaten the Allentown Formation, which supplies water for 700 people. The state is undertaking an extensive program to sample ground water.

Status (July 1983): The State is pursuing cleanup through an enforcement action and is conducting additional monitoring and analysis to further define the nature and extent of 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/toxfaqs/index.asp) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.