



UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION III

STATEMENT OF BASIS

Avery Dennison Corporation (Paxar)

Sayre, PENNSYLVANIA

EPA ID NO. PAD 080879588

I. Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) for the Avery Dennison Corporation (Paxar) facility located at 317 South Thomas Avenue, Sayre (Facility). EPA's review of available information indicates that there are no unaddressed releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from the Facility. Based on that assessment, our proposed decision is that no further investigation or cleanup is required. EPA has determined that its proposed decision is protective of human health and the environment and that no further corrective action or land use controls are necessary at this time. This SB highlights key information relied upon by EPA in making its proposed decision.

The Facility is subject to EPA's Corrective Action Program under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq. (Corrective Action Program). The Corrective Action program is designed to ensure that certain facilities subject to RCRA have investigated and cleaned up any releases of hazardous waste and hazardous constituents that have occurred at their property. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) is not authorized for the Corrective Action Program under Section 3006 of RCRA. Therefore, EPA retains primary authority in the Commonwealth for the Corrective Action Program.

The Administrative Record (AR) for the Facility contains all documents, including data and quality assurance information, on which EPA's proposed decision is based. See Section V, Public Participation, for information on how you may review the AR.

II. Facility Background

The Facility is located at 317 South Thomas Avenue, Sayre, Pennsylvania. The Facility is bordered by other industrial buildings, a railroad spur, and the Susquehanna River. The Facility covers approximately 2.5 acres.

III. Summary of Environmental History

The Avery Dennison facility consists of one building, which is approximately one acre in size. The site is surrounded by a chain-linked fence and is bordered to the west by Thomas Avenue, to the south by Chemung Street, to the north by industrial properties and to the east by a wooded lot. The site is approximately 1,000 feet west of the Susquehanna River.

The interior of the plant is divided into several rooms that are used for storage, machine assembly, and administrative purposes. Avery once manufactured machinery for printing clothing labels. Prior to 1920, the Sayre Brewing Company owned the property. From approximately 1920 until 1950, the property was owned and operated by the Sayre Candy Company.

Avery had two 10,000 Gallon Underground Storage Tanks removed from the property. The first, a sectional UST was located on the southwestern side of the building. This storage tank was divided into three compartments and had a total capacity of 10,000 gallons. This UST contained the products methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), toluene, and isopropyl alcohol (IPA). In August 1994, this UST was removed by a tank removal contractor. According to the PADEP *Underground Storage Tank Closure Report*, the soil appeared to be uncontaminated and was used

as backfill. The closure report also noted that the tank and piping appeared to be in good condition upon removal. All pipes were cleaned and the area was capped.

A second UST was removed from the northeast corner of the property. This UST also had a capacity of 10,000 gallons and was used for storage of heating oil. This UST was removed in October 1993. According to the closure report, soil samples and field observations indicated that the UST was not releasing petroleum into the surrounding soil.

Avery generated, handled, and manifested hazardous wastes off-site from a various solid waste management units (SMU's) at their site. According to EPA and PADEP files, no spills have been reported at this site. There appear to be no negative environmental impacts from Avery's operations.

The site was visited last by PADEP on October 24, 2007. The record review and site visit are documented in the Final Environmental Indicator Inspection Report which is contained in the AR and available upon request

According to PADEP records, this site has been inactive since September 19, 2007.

IV. Environmental Indicators

EPA sets national goals to measure progress toward meeting the nation's major environmental goals. For Corrective Action, EPA evaluates two key environmental indicators for each facility: (1) current human exposures under control and (2) migration of contaminated groundwater under control. The EPA has determined that the Facility met these indicators on November 8, 2011.

V. Public Participation

Before EPA makes a final decision on its proposal for the Facility, the public may participate in the remedy selection process by reviewing this SB and documents contained in the Administrative Record (AR) for the Facility. The AR contains all information considered by EPA in reaching this proposed decision. It is available for public review during normal business hours at:

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Contact: Grant Dufficy
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Interested parties are encouraged to review the AR and comment on EPA's proposed decision. The public comment period will last thirty (30) calendar days from the date that notice is published in a local newspaper. You may submit comments by mail, fax, or e-mail to Grant Dufficy. EPA will hold a public meeting to discuss this proposed decision upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Grant Dufficy.

EPA will respond to all relevant comments received during the comment period. If EPA determines that new information warrant a modification to the proposed decision, EPA will modify the proposed decision or select other alternatives based on such new information and/or public comments. EPA will announce its final decision and explain the rationale for any changes in a document entitled the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC). All persons who comment on this proposed decision will receive a copy of the FDRTC. Others may obtain a copy by contacting Grant Dufficy at the address listed above.

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