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C&M CHEMICALS, INC., PENNSYLVANIA

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I. Introduction

A. Facility Name

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) for the C&M Chemicals, Inc. facility located at Stanford Road, Township Route 340, Portersville, Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as the Facility).

The Facility is subject to the 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. Sections 6901 to 6992k. 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.

Information on the Corrective Action program as well as a fact sheet for the Facility can be found by navigating <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/correctiveaction.htm>.

B. Proposed Decision

This SB explains EPA's proposed decision that Corrective Action is complete and no land use controls are required for the Facility. EPA's proposed decision is based on a review of EPA and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) files regarding the environmental history of the Facility, including a Final Environmental Indicator Inspection Report dated October 2007. Based on this review, EPA has concluded that there are no current or unaddressed releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from the Facility. Therefore, no further corrective action or controls are required at the Facility at this time.

C. Importance of Public Input

Before EPA makes a final decision on its Corrective Action Complete without Controls determination for 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 the complete set of information that documents Facility conditions, including a map of the Facility, in support of EPA's proposed decision. EPA encourages anyone interested to review the AR. The AR is available for public review at the EPA Region III office, the address of which is provided in Section V, below.

EPA will address all significant comments received during the public comment period. If EPA determines that new information or public comments 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 approve its final decision in a document entitled the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC).

II. Facility Background

The Facility is located at Stanford Road, Township Route 340, Portersville, Butler County, Pennsylvania. The Facility covers approximately 53 acres.

III. Summary of Environmental History

In 1980, the Facility submitted an application to EPA indicating that the subject property would be used as a transfer station for transport of waste and hazardous waste. The application included preliminary design plans for the construction of a liquid waste storage and transfer operations. However, per observations of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), no waste storage or transfer facility was ever constructed on the property and waste storage at the facility has been limited to one (1) 55-gallon drum of material observed by PADEP in 1981. In addition, information submitted by the Facility to PADEP does not indicate that any hazardous waste was stored on the property. In 1983, the Facility notified PADEP that they would not be using the property for storage or transfer of waste as originally planned. PADEP site visits since 1983 have found that the property has remained undeveloped. Some domestic waste has been observed. However, site observations and available information do not indicate or suggest that there have been any releases of hazardous waste or hazardous material at the Facility.

IV. Evaluation of EPA's Proposed Decision

EPA has determined that its proposed decision to make a Corrective Action Complete without Controls determination for Facility is protective of human health and the environment and that no further corrective action or controls are necessary at this time.

V. Public Participation

Interested persons are invited to 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. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail, or phone to Mr. Darius Ostrauskas at the address listed below.

A public meeting will be held upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Mr. Darius Ostrauskas at the address listed below. A meeting will not be scheduled unless one is requested.

The Administrative Record contains all information considered by EPA when proposing a Corrective Action Complete without Controls determination for the Facility. The Administrative Record is available at the following location:

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