



UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
STATEMENT OF BASIS
CONSOLIDATED CONTAINER COMPANY
OIL CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
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I. Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) for the Consolidated Container Company facility located at 15 Mineral Street, Oil City PA 16301 (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, EPA's proposed decision is that no further investigation or environmental 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 15 Mineral Street in Oil City, Venango County, Pennsylvania. The Facility is bordered by residential and commercial development to the north and south, undeveloped land to the east, and the Allegheny River to the west. The Facility covers approximately three acres.

Operations at the Facility began in 1939. The Facility originally manufactured aluminum cans. Hazardous wastes generated from this process included paints, varnishes, spent halogenated and non-halogenated solvents, inks, and ignitable wastes. In July 1980, the Facility submitted a Part A Hazardous Waste Permit Application for the storage of 1,100 gallons of hazardous waste; however, a Part B permit application was never submitted. The Facility submitted a revised notification in 1983 for the deletion of the storage activity and to be listed as a generator of hazardous waste only. In 1987 the Facility ceased production of aluminum cans and switched to manufacturing plastic containers. From 1987 to the present, the main waste generated is used nonhazardous waste oil. The Facility is currently a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator, as the only hazardous waste occasionally generated is spent liquid mineral spirits from a parts washer.

III. Summary of Environmental History

A Preliminary Assessment was conducted at the Facility in March 1989 by NUS Corporation on behalf of EPA. During this assessment, there appeared to be no evidence of spills, releases, or on-site disposal of any wastes. Three solid waste management units (SWMU) were identified: the Storage Area, Porch Area, and Furnace Area. The only SWMU active at the time was the Porch Area, which replaced the Storage Area as the area used to store wastes produced by the Facility. No reported releases or evidence of spills or releases from the Porch Area were observed during the assessment. The Furnace Area previously contained four furnaces used to cure paint in the labeling process for aluminum can manufacture. The Facility was unable to keep emissions from these furnaces below standard emission controls; therefore, the furnaces were removed.

In June 2004, Tetra Tech FW Inc. conducted an Environmental Indicator Inspection of the Facility on behalf of EPA. The three SWMUs identified in the Preliminary Assessment were observed; no evidence of spills or releases were observed at either the two inactive SWMUs (former Storage and Furnace areas) or the remaining active SWMU (Porch Area). Also observed during the inspection were a former oil filling area and a former above-ground storage tank (AST) area. The oil filling area was historically used to fill oil tanks inside the facility. The area around and below the fill pipe was slightly stained. No other information regarding this area was found during the inspection. The former AST area had contained a 1,000-gallon mineral spirits AST that the Facility used from 1980 to 1995. The AST has since been removed, and no impacts to this area were observed.

Review of all available records and discussions during a site visit by EPA in July 2011 indicates that there have been no reportable releases, no instances or evidence of soil or

groundwater contamination from hazardous constituents, no site remediation, and no past, current, or planned monitoring efforts necessary at this Facility. 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.

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 Facility met these indicators on August 15, 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: Mr. Griff Miller
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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 Mr. Griff Miller. EPA will hold a public meeting to discuss this proposed decision upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Mr. Miller.

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 Mr. Miller at the address listed above.

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