



UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
STATEMENT OF BASIS
FORMER SUNOCO INC.
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
EPA ID NO. PAD 000824730

A. Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) for the former Sunoco Inc. facility located at 200 Neville Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15225 (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 investigate and clean up any releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents that could pose a threat to human health.

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

B. Proposed Decision

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's proposed decision meets the criteria for "Corrective Action Complete without Controls" set forth in EPA Guidance found in the Federal Register / Vol. 68, No. 37 / Tuesday, February 25, 2003 / Notices [FRL – 7454-7] pages 8757 to 8764.

EPA has determined that its proposed decision for the Facility is protective of human health and the environment and that no further corrective action or controls are necessary at this time.

C. Facility Background

The Facility is located at 200 Neville Road in Pittsburgh, Neville Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The Facility is bordered by Shenango Incorporated facility, the back channel of the Ohio River and Davis Island. The Facility covers 44.4 acres. Sunoco owned and operated the Facility that produced plasticizers. In 2003, Sunoco sold the plasticizer business to BASF. By March 2007, Sunoco stopped manufacturing plasticizers at the Neville Island facility. The Facility was sold to Ashland in December, 2007. Currently, Ashland utilizes the Facility as a terminal operation for BASF product shipping.

D. Summary of Environmental History

On November 7, 1980, USEPA acknowledged the facility's Notification of Regulated Waste Activity. On January 2, 1981, USEPA acknowledged the facility's Part A permit application and accepted the information for initial qualification of interim status for a Hazardous Waste Permit. In 1987, the facility requested withdrawal of their permit application.

On October 3, 2007, PADEP performed an Environmental Indicator Inspection at the facility. The site visit includes an overview of the areas of concern. During the site visit, several hazardous waste container storage areas, storage tanks areas were observed. There were no releases observed during the inspection. There were no unaddressed releases documented at the facility.

On April 2, 2010, EPA determined that the facility had met both environmental indicators: (1) Current Human Exposures Under Control and (2) Migration of Contaminated Groundwater Under Control. These determinations are available at <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/ca/pa.htm>

E. 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 Mrs. Tran Tran at the address listed below. EPA will hold a public meeting to discuss this proposed decision upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Mrs. Tran Tran at the address listed below.

EPA has developed an Administrative Record (AR) for this proposed decision which contains all information considered by EPA during the process. The AR is available at the following location:

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Contact: Mrs. Tran Tran (3LC30J)
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EPA encourages interested persons to participate in the remedy selection process by reviewing this SB and documents contained in the AR. The AR contains the complete information that EPA reviewed prior to this proposed decision.

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 the new information or comments. EPA will announce its final decision in a document entitled the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC). Any person who comments on the proposed decision will automatically receive a copy of the FDRTC. Any other persons desiring a copy of the FDRTC may obtain on by contacting Mrs. Tran Tran at the address listed above.