

# Gold Mills Inc.

1 Penn Dye Street  
Pine Grove, PA 17963  
Congressional District 6  
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## Current Progress at the Site

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Gold Mills continues to pump groundwater to contain contamination and treat it using an activated carbon system on-site. Groundwater conditions at the Facility in the first quarter of 2009 remain relatively unchanged from prior quarters. The maximum detection of PCE in this sampling was 150  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , down from a maximum detection of 1100  $\mu\text{g/L}$  in 1992.

Although the soil vapor extraction (SVE) system only operated 25% of the time during the first quarter of 2009 due to system maintenance requirements and high water table conditions, the system continues to successfully remediate contaminated soils.

The RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) and Corrective Measures Study (CMS) are finalized. A Statement of Basis (SB) that will propose a final remedy for the site is in development.

## Site Description

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Since 1960, Gold Mills has operated a synthetic fabric dyeing and finishing facility located at the intersection of Penn Dye Street and Tulpehocken Street in Pine Grove Borough, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The site covers 33 acres on the banks of Swatara Creek. Guilford Mills, of Greensboro, North Carolina, bought the facility in 1986, making it a wholly-owned subsidiary. Tanneries operated at the site prior to 1960.

The results of soils and groundwater investigations from the August, 2001 sampling event indicated that the Former Dry Cleaning Area inside the production building is a source for the groundwater contamination with PCE. Contaminated soils were cleaned and disposed off-site. According to the July 17, 2001 RCRA Facility Soils Investigation Report, the remains of soil contamination exist in the Area of Former Dry Cleaning operations. A Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) System was chosen as a final Corrective Measure for the Dry Cleaning Area. A full-scale SVE system started on December 19, 2003 and continues to remediate soils in the impacted area.

## Site Responsibility

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RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the PADEP.

## **Contaminants**

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The main contaminants at the site are tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA). The most significant pathway for human exposure or ecological effects would be through off site migration of contaminated groundwater. However, the interim measures described above are preventing contaminants from leaving the site.

## **Institutional Controls**

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No institutional controls are required at this time.

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