

Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

Gold Mills Inc.

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

Gold Mills continues to pump groundwater to contain contamination and treat it using an activated carbon system on-site. Groundwater samples taken in 2008 show tetrachloroethene (PCE) concentrations ranging from non-detection (less than 0.5 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)) to 71 $\mu\text{g/L}$, down from 1100 $\mu\text{g/L}$ in 1992. The drinking water standard for PCE is 5 $\mu\text{g/L}$.

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.

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

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.

Site Responsibility

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

Contaminants

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

No institutional controls are required at this time.

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