

Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

Global Tungsten & Powders Corp. (Formerly: Osram Sylvania Inc.)

**Hawes Street
Towanda, PA 18848
Congressional District 10
EPA ID #: PAD003044609
Site Property Area: unknown Acres
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Current Progress at the Site

Currently, on-site groundwater monitoring shows that no contaminants in the groundwater have been detected above the drinking water Maximum Contaminant Levels.

In addition, public water supply wells in the area are monitored. Sample results from the water supply wells do not show contamination above the drinking water standards.

Site Description

Osram (formerly GTE Sylvania) manufactures a wide variety of high technology chemical, metal, and ceramic products including tungsten and molybdenum products and TV and specialty phosphors.

In the 1950s GTE disposed of waste beryllium oxide, beryllium, and magnesium arsenate phosphors in the western portion of the Facility to a thickness of 7.5-8 feet.

Osram removed contaminated material from the site throughout the 1990s. On June 14, 1990 PADEP approved the removal of excavated material from the unlined lagoons. In early 1992, GTE identified an area of waste disposal in the western portion of the Facility where the soils were contaminated with beryllium, arsenic, magnesium, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). In 1992, approximately 530 tons of soil were removed and replaced with clean fill. PADEP approved the remediation on May 24, 1993.

In 1994, Osram installed an impermeable cap on the Old Tungsten Ore residual waste pile and PADEP approved the remediation on March 20, 1995. There are 2 upgradient wells and 2 downgradient wells that are associated with the Tungsten Ore Pile. Osram is required to monitor the groundwater in these wells for metal and VOCs twice per year. All other release have been remediated to PADEP's satisfaction.

Site Responsibility

RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of PADEP.

Contaminants

Metals and VOCs have been detected on-site. Contaminated soil has been removed and groundwater contaminants are below the drinking water Maximum Contaminant Levels.

Community Interaction

If there is further action, EPA will inform the public

Institutional Controls

There are no institutional controls at the facility at this time.

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