

Chain Bike Corporation

(First Industrial Realty Trust / Conewago Equities / Ross Bicycles)

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Allentown, PA 18103
Congressional District 15
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Current Progress at the Site

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A reassessment of groundwater conditions and hydrogeology at the site was completed by the facility's consultant in 2008. A meeting was held in October 2008 to discuss findings from the reassessment and a path forward to attaining closure for groundwater conditions at the facility. A receptor survey and sampling of off-site wells are being conducted to evaluate how groundwater is being used in the vicinity of the facility and if contamination from the facility is affecting these uses.

Site Description

Constructed in 1969, the 41-acre site was occupied by Ross Bicycles, Inc. (formerly named Chain Bike Corporation), a manufacturer of bicycles and metal ammunition boxes from 1970 until approximately 1987. The manufacturing processes during this period included metal electroplating, electrostatic spray painting, metal stamping, finishing, assembly and warehousing. The Facility included various aboveground and underground storage tanks, an on-site wastewater treatment plant which processed the wastes generated from the electroplating baths, drum storage pads and a drum storage building for hazardous and non-hazardous materials. The facility has been inactive since 1988, but was purchased by Conewago Equities, LP for use as a warehouse. First Industrial Realty Trust bought the site from Conewago in 2007. The facility presently houses several tenants.

In 1992, EPA initiated immediate cleanup operations under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) on the 41-acre site. This cleanup focused on eliminating any immediate threat to human health and the environment, and consisted mostly of removing hazardous wastes from the main process building and the drum storage building at the site.

Since 1992, there have been several site assessments performed to investigate soils and hydrogeologic conditions at the facility. As a result of these investigations, several removal actions have taken place. Soils contaminated with heavy metals above acceptable levels were excavated from several areas at the facility and transported off-site for disposal. Environmental Indicators for human exposures to contamination and migration of contaminated groundwater

were met as under control at the facility in 2002. After submitting the November 2002 Final Report for soils, the facility achieved the non-residential Statewide Health Standard for soils under Act 2. This report was approved by both PADEP and EPA by January 2003, meaning that soils at the facility require no further action.

Site Responsibility

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

Contaminants

Trichloroethene (TCE) and chromium are the main contaminants of concern in the groundwater underneath the facility.

Contaminated soils have been removed from the site. No further soil cleanup is required as of January 2003.

Institutional Controls

No institutional controls are required at this time.

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