

Alvac Latrobe Plant

**Route 981 North
Latrobe, PA 15650-0151
Congressional District 12
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Current Progress at the Site

In August of 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) conducted a site visit. The visit consisted of a facility tour, and information gathering to assess the current status of the facility. EPA has determined that both Environmental Indicators for human exposures and groundwater migration are under control. The facility will continue to implement the existing groundwater monitoring program to ensure that groundwater migration will continue to be under control.

Site Description

The Teledyne Vasco Company Latrobe facility is located in Derry Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, north of the Latrobe City limits. The facility, situated on approximately 80 acres of land, is bordered by woodlands on the northeast and south, and by Route 981 on the west.

Vasco was founded in 1922 at the current site. Ownership before 1911 is not known. Teledyne Vasco has owned the property and facility since the mid-1960's, when Teledyne bought into Vanadium Alloy Steel Company (VASC). In 1940, Vasco sold 6.5 acres of land in the center of the property to Toyad Company, which manufactures brassiere padding. The Toyad Company has since changed its name to Chestnut Ridge Foam Company.

From the mid-1960's to 1990's the company has manufactured high-speed tools and specialty steels. Teledyne Vasco did not produce an end product; it fabricated various sizes of rod and wire components used by other companies to manufacture specialty products, such as surgical needles, aircraft landing gear, and missile tools. Finished manufactured products consist of molded ingots and pressed bars.

In the late-1990's, Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. purchased the Vasco facility and changed the name to Alvac Latrobe Plant. Currently the facility is not operational. Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. hopes to re-start plant operations in the near future.

Site Responsibility

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

Institutional Controls

Institutional controls are not required at this time.

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