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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION III

# STATEMENT OF BASIS

AMP, INC.
1000 WISTER STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

EPA ID NO. PAD980550172

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# I. Introduction

## A. AMP, Inc.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) for the former AMP, Inc. facility located at 1000 Wister Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17104.

The former AMP, Inc. facility is subject to the Corrective Action program under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, 42 U.S.C. Sections 6901 to 6992k. The Corrective Action program is designed to ensure that certain facilities subject to RCRA have investigated and cleaned up any releases of hazardous waste and hazardous constituents that have occurred at their property.

Information on the Corrective Action program as well as a fact sheet for the facility can be found by navigating http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/ca/pa.htm.

## B. Proposed Decision

EPA's proposed decision applies only to the EPA ID PAD980550172, which consists of the former AMP technology and chemical storage buildings (hereinafter referred to as the Facility). In 1999, the Facility was sold to Faulkner Honda car dealership who since converted the property to an auto service center.

The SB explains EPA's proposed decision that Corrective Action is complete and no land use controls are required for the Facility. EPA's proposed decision is based on a review of EPA and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) files regarding the environmental history of the Facility as presented in the Final Environmental Indicator Inspection Report submitted in July 2008. Based on this review, EPA has concluded that there are no current or unaddressed releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from the Facility.

## C. Importance of Public Input

Before EPA makes a final decision on its proposal for the Facility, the public may participate in the remedy selection process by reviewing this SB and documents contained in the Administrative Record (AR) for the Facility. The AR contains the complete set of reports that document the historic use of the Facility and its current conditions to support EPA's proposed decision. EPA encourages anyone interested to review the AR. The AR is available for public review at the EPA Region III office, the address of which is provided in Section V, below.

EPA will address all significant comments received during the public comment period. If EPA determines that new information or public comments warrant a modification to the proposed decision, EPA will modify the proposed decision or select other alternatives based on such new information and/or public comments. EPA will approve its final decision in a document entitled the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC).

## II. Facility Background

The former AMP, Inc. facility (AMP) consisted of approximately 5 acres that included two operation buildings (the materials test and technology buildings.) and a chemical storage building. Due to the layout of the facility to the intersection of two streets, the materials testing building is located on 2100 Paxton Street and the technology building is located on 1000 Wister Street. To the north of the site lies the Faulkner Honda car dealership. To the south, west, and east of the site are commercial areas, with a small residential area to the northwest.

Operations at the site began in November 1975. The former AMP, Inc. facility was a manufacturer and producer of electrical/electronic connection devices. It conducted experimental testing and product development of printed circuit boards.

At the start of the RCRA program in 1980, AMP filed two separate Treatment, Storage, Disposal (TSD) permit applications for each of the operation buildings. The EPA ID number PAD980550172 was assigned to the technology and chemical storage buildings and the EPA ID number PA0000030619 was assigned to materials testing building.

In 1999, Tyco Electronics Corporation (TEC) purchased AMP Inc., and its facilities. Subsequently, TEC sold the technology and chemical storage buildings to ABC Supply Company, who later sold the buildings to Faulkner Honda car dealership. The former technology and chemical storage buildings have since been converted to an auto service center. TEC still owns and operates the materials testing building.

EPA's proposed decision applies only to the property retained by Faulkner Honda. Environmental testing showed no evidence of a release at the former technology and chemical storage buildings.

## III. Summary of Environmental History

As part of the Environmental Indicator (EI) inspection and evaluation for Current Human Exposures and Migration of Contaminated Groundwater, a comprehensive record search and review were conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and its contractor, Baker. This undertaking consisted of reviewing the Facility's manufacturing operations and waste management practices, RCRA permit applications, historical spills and releases, documentation of previous site inspections, RCRA closure activities and correspondence between the EPA, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protections (PADEP) and the Facility.

On September 12, 2007, a representative of Baker conducted a site visit. No obvious areas of concern were identified during the visit. Historically, there appears to be no indications of spills or releases that have negatively impacted soil, groundwater, surface water, or air that would lead to adverse impacts to human health or the environment at this time. Full details of the historic use of the former AMP, Inc. facility and its current conditions are documented in the July 2008

Final Environmental Indicator Inspection Report.

The Faulkner Honda dealership currently owns the former technology and chemical buildings, located at 1000 Wister Street. The dealership has since converted the buildings into an auto service center.

## IV. Evaluation of EPA's Proposed Decision

Based on the comprehensive review of existing records, the site visit, and the Environmental Indicator Inspection Report, EPA has determined that both Environmental Indicators are under control (i.e., there is no contamination problem that creates an unacceptable risk to human health nor is there any evidence of groundwater contamination caused by the Facility). Moreover, EPA concludes that there have been no past or current releases that warrant further investigation or corrective action at the Facility at this time. EPA proposes that no further corrective action or controls are necessary at this time. EPA has determined that its proposed decision for the Facility is protective of human health and the environment.

## V. Public Participation

Interested persons are invited to comment on EPA's proposed decision. The public comment period will last thirty (30) calendar days from August 11, 2009 when the public notice is published in the Harrisburg Patriot News. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail, or phone to Mr. Khai M. Dao at the address listed below.

A public meeting will be held upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Mr. Khai M. Dao at the address listed below. A meeting will not be scheduled unless one is requested.

The Administrative Record contains all the information considered by EPA for the proposed decision at this Facility. The Administrative Record is available at the following location:

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