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I. Introduction

A. Facility Name

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) for the Watson Standard Company (hereinafter referred to as the Facility) located at 2895 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The 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 at <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/correctiveaction.htm>.

B. Proposed Decision

This 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 (EI) Inspection Report submitted in October 2006. 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 Facility conditions, including a map of the Facility, in support of 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 Facility is located at 2895 Grand Avenue on Neville Island in Neville Township, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The Facility is bordered by Grand Avenue to the north and east, Neville Road to the south, and industrial development to the west. The Facility covers approximately two acres. The Facility was built between 1946 and 1948 and specializes in formulating custom coatings for the metal packaging industry.

III. Summary of Environmental History

A 5000-gallon heating oil underground storage tank (UST) was closed in-place in 1991. Soil samples taken from the excavation were analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX) compounds. Results for BTEX were non-detect except for toluene, whose concentrations were still well below the most stringent PADEP or EPA screening levels; therefore, no remediation was necessary in the area of the former UST.

Baker performed the Final EI Inspection in August 2006 to assess whether human exposures to contamination and migration of contaminated groundwater were under control at the Facility. Several Solid Waste Management Units (7 active and 1 inactive) were reviewed and inspected during this visit. None of these areas exhibited any evidence of spills or past releases. Findings from this inspection resulted in EPA's determination in December 2008 that both human exposures to any contamination and migration of any contaminated groundwater were under control at the Facility.

IV. Evaluation of EPA's Proposed Decision

EPA has determined that its proposed decision for the Facility is protective of human health and the environment and that no further corrective action or controls are necessary at this time.

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 the date that notice is published in a local newspaper. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail, or phone to Mr. Griff Miller at the address listed below.

A public meeting will be held upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Mr. Griff Miller 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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