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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III

STATEMENT OF BASIS

**JAMESTOWN POWDER COATINGS  
(FORMERLY BEAVER PAINT COMPANY)**

710 Beaver Road.  
Girard, PA 16417

PAD 00 502 8832

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## **Section 1: Introduction**

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) to solicit public comment on its proposed remedy for the Jamestown Powder Coatings (formerly Beaver Paint Company) facility located at 710 Beaver Road, Girard, Pennsylvania (Facility). EPA's review of available information indicates that there are no unaddressed releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from the Facility. Based on that assessment, EPA's proposed decision is that no further investigation or cleanup is required. EPA has determined that its proposed decision is protective of human health and the environment and that no further corrective action or land use controls are necessary at this time. This SB highlights key information relied upon by EPA in making its proposed decision.

The Facility is subject to EPA's 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. §§ 6901 et seq. (Corrective Action Program). 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. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) is not authorized for the Corrective Action Program under Section 3006 of RCRA. Therefore, EPA retains primary authority in the Commonwealth for the Corrective Action Program.

The Administrative Record (AR) for the Facility contains all documents, including data and quality assurance information, on which EPA's proposed decision is based. See Section 5, Public Participation, for information on how you may review the AR.

## **Section 2: Facility Background**

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Beaver Paint Company was a manufacturer of finished industrial paint coatings, located on one (1) acre of land in Girard, Erie County, PA. The site is bordered to the north by Beaver Road, to the east and west by wooded areas, and to the south by two houses. This facility was used for manufacturing activities such as paint mixing, product drumming, and laboratory testing.

The site layout consisted of a main building, a raw material warehouse, and a parking area. A recessed loading dock was located between the two buildings on site where several cleaned and empty 55-gallon drums were, at times, stored on asphalt. Six (6) solid waste management units (SWMUs) were identified for the site: 1) the mill room waste collection drum, 2) the fill-off room waste collection drum, 3) the laboratory mill room waste collection drum, 4) the waste drum storage area in the warehouse, 5) the empty drum storage area, and 6) the outside trash container. Equipment-cleaning operations produced spent solvent wastes, which were

temporarily stored at these various collection points until they were transported to treatment facilities.

Records indicate hazardous waste inspections occurred between 1983 and 2003, when the facility operations, as described above, closed. During operations of the facility, no spills or releases of waste were recorded or documented.

Joseph P. Walton owned Walton Paint Company, which did business as Beaver Paint Company. In 2001, Beaver Paint operations ceased in Girard, PA and the liquid paint operations moved to Jamestown, PA with the Jamestown Paint Company (108 Main Street, Jamestown, PA 16134), also under the same ownership. Jamestown Powder Coatings was purchased in 2002 by J.P. and Mike Walton, as a sister company of Jamestown Paint Company, to conduct operations at the former Beaver Paint facility.

The Girard, PA facility remained vacant for a few years during the building transformation to accommodate powder coating operations. Facility operations officially began in November 2005. The main building, raw material warehouse, loading dock and parking area are still present.

Jamestown Powder Coatings utilizes powder products instead of liquids. The facility's USEPA ID Number PAD005028832 is still associated with the facility, and is still active. The facility is considered a Conditionally-Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) of hazardous waste. The only SWMU that remains on site is the outside trash container.

### **Section 3: Summary of Environmental History**

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During the operational life of the Facility, no spills or releases of waste were recorded or documented. However, a subsurface investigation and assessment was conducted for the possible real estate transfer of the property.

Soil and groundwater investigations at the Beaver Paint Company site were conducted in 2003 by Moody & Associates for site-related hazardous constituents, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), light non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPL) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The investigation results were presented in the *Phase II Subsurface Investigation and Environmental Site Assessment*, December 16, 2003 and submitted to PADEP.

In November 2003, three (3) groundwater monitoring wells were installed to characterize and investigate subsurface conditions at the property. The wells were installed to a depth of 15 feet, which includes the first water bearing zone. Depth to groundwater is approximately six (6) feet at the site. Groundwater flow is to the north northwest towards the unnamed tributary of Elk Creek. Wells were positioned downgradient of the warehouse building and the main building to detect any groundwater contaminated from these plant operations. Soils within the boreholes

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were investigated as well as the area near the transformers at the main building. These transformers were older and may have contained PCB oils.

All analytical results from the groundwater monitoring wells and the soil investigation were below laboratory detection limits. No presence of site-related constituents was found during the investigations.

Beaver Paint operated under a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for its stormwater discharge into the unnamed tributary of Elk Creek. In April 202, Beaver Paint submitted to PADEP a Summary of Inspections for Stormwater Permit (1992-2001) to illustrate compliance with the permit. The water from the outfall and drainage ditch was clean and clear in all instances. No past or present problems were noted.

As discussed above, during the operational life of the Beaver Paint facility, no spills or releases of waste were recorded or documented. No constituents were detected in the environmental investigation performed at the Facility. Additionally, with the Facility's current operational model, no contamination of environmental media is expected.

#### **Section 4: Environmental Indicators**

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EPA sets national goals to measure progress toward meeting the nation's major environmental goals. For Corrective Action, EPA evaluates two key environmental indicators for each facility: (1) current human exposures under control and (2) migration of contaminated groundwater under control. The EPA has determined that the Facility met the migration of contaminated groundwater under control indicator on August 31, 2018. The EPA has determined that the Facility met the current human exposures under control indicator on August 31, 2018.

## Section 5: Public Participation

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Before EPA makes a final decision on its proposal for the Facility, the public may participate in the decision selection process by reviewing this SB and documents contained in the Administrative Record (AR) for the Facility. The AR contains all information considered by EPA in reaching this proposed decision. It is available for public review during normal business hours at:

U.S. EPA Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Contact: Linda Matyskiela  
Phone: (215) 814-3420  
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Interested parties are encouraged to review the AR and 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. You may submit comments by mail, fax, or e-mail to Ms. Linda Matyskiela. EPA will hold a public meeting to discuss this proposed decision upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Ms. Linda Matyskiela.

EPA will respond to all relevant comments received during the comment period. If EPA determines that new information warrants 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 announce its final decision and explain the rationale for any changes in a document entitled the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC). All persons who comment on this proposed decision will receive a copy of the FDRTC. Others may obtain a copy by contacting Ms. Linda Matyskiela at the address listed above.

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Figure 1: Map of Facility

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*Phase II Subsurface Investigation and Environmental Site Assessment, Moody & Associates,  
December 16, 2003*

*Final Environmental Indicator Inspection Report for Beaver Paint Company, Baker, October  
2007*

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