

Economic Profile

Fisher Scientific

Bridgewater, New Jersey

CONTINUED USE



Chemical Packaging
Facility

CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY

EPA and the New Jersey Department of
Environmental Protection

The Fisher Scientific packaging facility in Bridgewater, New Jersey, has been in operation since 1973. The facility packages laboratory chemicals for distribution to research and development laboratories. Past activities at the facility resulted in soil and groundwater contamination with volatile organic compounds.

Fisher Scientific investigated and cleaned up the facility under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program (formerly the RCRA Corrective Action Program) with oversight by EPA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Fisher Scientific removed contaminated soil and continues to treat groundwater. With cleanup ongoing, the facility continues to operate, generating \$24 million in sales per year.



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EMPLOYEES



\$24 million

ANNUAL SALES



\$2.2 million

ANNUAL WAGES





WITH CLEANUP EFFORTS UNDERWAY AND SOLAR POWER IN PLACE, FISHER SCIENTIFIC CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMY, WHILE PURSUING SUSTAINABILITY.

To successfully clean up the contaminated soil and groundwater, Fisher Scientific removed soil that was accessible and then installed an impermeable cover to prevent further groundwater contamination. Fisher Scientific also arranged for residents in the neighborhood to be connected to the public water supply.

The company began operating a groundwater recovery and treatment system in 1991 to contain contamination in the regional aquifer. The system has achieved and maintained control over the contaminated groundwater and is continuing to remove solvents from the groundwater.

Groundwater quality is monitored semi-annually to demonstrate the effectiveness of the groundwater recovery system. A groundwater use restriction is in place to ensure that no one uses the contaminated groundwater. The company conducts routine air monitoring to ensure safe work conditions for employees.

In addition to meeting its environmental cleanup responsibilities, the Bridgewater facility is going beyond by generating 75% of its power needs using on-site solar panels. The rooftop and ground-mounted solar panels are helping the company meet its goal of reducing greenhouse gases by 30% by 2030.

With cleanup efforts well underway and solar power in place, Fisher Scientific continues to contribute to the local and regional economy, while pursuing sustainability.



At the Bridgewater facility, large volumes of chemicals are repackaged into smaller, usable quantities before being distributed to laboratories.



The facility's rooftop and ground-mounted solar panels work to advance Fisher Scientific's sustainability goals and promote environmental stewardship.