

Capitol Products Corp

6034 Carlisle Pike
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Congressional District 19
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Facility Property Area: 45 acres
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Status

The former facility is currently occupied by a shopping center complex that includes Home Depot, Circuit City, Dick's Sporting Goods, and other commercial entities along Carlisle Pike. To facilitate the redevelopment of the property, the facility structures were demolished in 1994. A cleanup was performed under the supervision of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Consent Order & Agreement (Order).

EPA received an Environmental Indicator Inspection Report in 2009. Upon initial review, EPA intends to propose a Corrective Action decision of complete while relying on the current facility use and institutional and engineering controls. EPA does, however, anticipate a need to require additional ICs beyond the groundwater use restriction which was required under the Order.

Facility Description

Capitol was an extruded aluminum products manufacturer in Mechanicsburg, PA that operated between 1956 and 1991. Capitol fabricated aluminum windows, doors, light fixtures, and other products by melting scrap aluminum and casting the metal into billets, extruding the billets, cleaning and anodizing their surfaces, and painting the finished metal at the 6034 Carlisle Pike facility in Cumberland County. The facility's buildings occupied 650,000 square feet of property, the majority of which was dedicated to the construction of final aluminum products. The property, approximately 45 acres, is bordered by U.S. Route 11 to the north, Overnight Transportation Company/UPS Freight on the west, the United States Navy Ship Parts Control Center (NSPCC) to the south and southeast, and Brandywine Group on the east (Appendix B – Site Location Map).

Capitol owned the site from 1956 until it sold the property to Olympic Realty and Development Corporation in 1995. Prior to 1956, several families owned the properties that became Capitol. Activities on the properties prior to 1956 are unknown. Ethyl Corporation obtained a controlling interest in Capitol Products in 1969. Tredegar Industries (now Tredegar Corporation), headquartered in Richmond, VA, became the sole shareholder of Capitol in July 1989 when Ethyl Corporation spun off its plastic and aluminum businesses, including Capitol. Due to continuous business deterioration, the Capitol facility closed in February 1991 and the property

was marketed for sale.

On behalf of Tredegar, R.E. Wright Associates, which was later acquired by SAIC, evaluated the environmental integrity of the property as part of the facility shut-down plan (report dated March of 1993). Subsequently, SAIC completed numerous extensive environmental investigation, remediation, and monitoring projects at the facility. Historically, benzene, 1,1-dichloroethene (DCE), 1,2-DCE, 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA), tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), and vinyl chloride have been detected above their respective maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) in select wells.

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