

General Electric Co. (Formerly: RCA, GE Lancaster)

**1350 Pleasure Road
Lancaster, PA 17601-5615
Congressional District 16
EPA ID #: PAD003026903
Facility Property Area: 10 Acres
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Status

A groundwater pump and treat system, in operation since 1987, continues to operate. No future activity is planned for this property. No excavation or digging is allowed on the landfill to ensure integrity of the cap. Groundwater under this property will not be used for potable purposes.

The investigation and any necessary clean up activities are being implemented in accordance with a federal Corrective Action Order issued on December 1, 1988 and a PADEP Order issued in 2008.

Site Description

The GE Lancaster facility currently consists of a parcel of land containing a closed, capped RCRA-regulated surface impoundment (Lower Lagoon), a closed, capped landfill (Upper Quarry), and a groundwater recovery and treatment system (GWRTS).

The GE Lancaster facility was formerly part of the RCA Facility located on New Holland Avenue in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The RCA Corporation owned the RCA Facility from the late 1940's to June 1986 when GE purchased the RCA Corporation. Burle Industries, Inc. subsequently purchased the former RCA manufacturing plant from GE in July 1987. As part of the sale agreement, GE retained the property containing the Lower Lagoon, the Upper Quarry, and the GWRTS.

Results from early investigations indicated that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were present in the groundwater beneath the facility. The Lower Lagoon and Upper Quarry were closed and capped in 1987 in an effort to address the sources of groundwater contamination. The GWRTS also began operation in 1987. Its functions are to keep contaminated groundwater from leaving the site property and to reduce the size of the contaminated plume. Remediation of the groundwater has three steps 1) groundwater recovery, 2) air stripping to remove VOCs from the groundwater, and 3) removal of VOCs from the stripper off-gas.

During 2010, the GWRTS consisted of four recovery points: three wells and one surface water spring.

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