

Greene Tweed & Co. Inc.

320 Elm Avenue
North Wales, PA 19454
Congressional District
EPA ID #: PAD075504795
Site Property Area: 11.25 Acres
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Status

EPA/state will visit the facility and meet with company representatives on an upcoming date. EPA/state is reviewing existing environmental information to determine if further investigation is required. EPA/State will focus first on the health and groundwater impacts, if any, presented by the facility. Once EPA/state completes this review process, an environmental indicator determination will be prepared and posted to this website.

Facility Description

The Greene Tweed Facility was established at this location in 1943 as a manufacturer of gasket, packing and sealing devices. The facility was closed in July 1987. Only two buildings on the property remain from the time of Greene Tweed's operations. The site currently houses a variety of small business including LIP Auto Collision, White Enterprises (realty and roofing), and Falcon Environmental (manufacturer of water-based gel that fights odors). Alliance Graphics (printing company that uses soy-based inks) and IFH, Inc. (thermocouple manufacturer) rent space from Shannon Enterprises and Parts for Lifts, Inc. is a tenant of Falcon Environmental.

The only known manufacturing process that generated hazardous wastes was a coating tower operation, which consisted of submerging a 40-inch wide belt of square woven cotton cloth into a rubber cement tank to completely coat the cloth. At the end of a production order, the rubber cement remaining in the tank and materials (toluene) to clean the coating equipment were disposed.

Wastes were stored in three on-site drum storage areas. When the facility closed in 1987, an underground storage tank (UST) and 900 cubic yards of soil contaminated with toluene and other petroleum hydrocarbons were excavated. This soil plus an additional 750 cubic yards of soil from other areas of the facility were placed into a bioremediation cell located next to what is now occupied by Falcon Environmental.

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