



## Land Revitalization Program Breathing New Life into Old Waste Sites Summer 2005

### Mail Order Company and Park Reclaim Suburban Philly Site North Penn 12, Worcester, Montgomery County, PA



Part of the North Penn 12 Superfund site, the Transicoil company (left) produced electric motors from 1952 to 1991, contaminating nearby groundwater. The same property (right) has been cleaned and is home to a mail order tool company.

#### Location

The North Penn 12 site in Worcester, Montgomery County, Pa. consists of two adjacent properties on Trooper Road — the former Transicoil property on 12 acres and the former U.S. Army Nike Control Facility on 25 acres. Industrial activities on both properties have contaminated the groundwater in the surrounding community.

#### Current Status

Both properties are being reused. Techni-Tool, a mail order tool distributor, bought the Transicoil property in 1998 and now uses it as its headquarters, warehouse and distribution center. The Army donated the missile base to Worcester Township which maintains the site as a public park.

#### Past Use

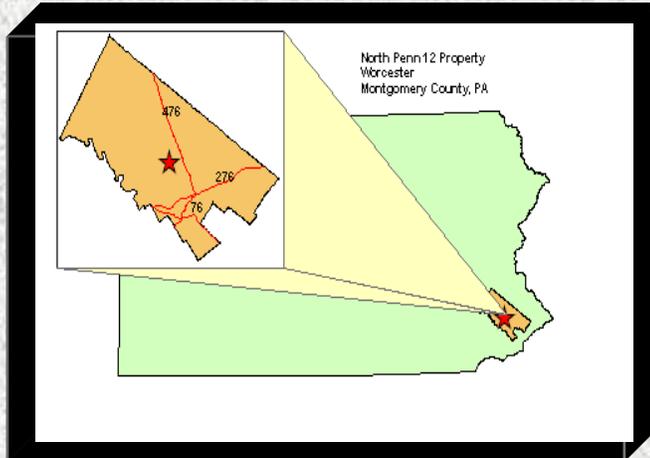
Between 1952 and 1991, several different owners manufactured electric motors on the Transicoil property. The Nike facility was active from 1954 through 1968. On both properties, chemicals were used to clean metal parts leading to the surrounding groundwater contamination.

#### Contamination

Waste oil, solvents and degreasers were stored at the Transicoil property in drums and underground tanks. They were also allegedly disposed of in the septic system and directly on the ground. At the Nike property, trichloroethylene, a solvent chemical, was allegedly used and improperly disposed of between 1954 and 1968. These activities contaminated the water in on-site wells and private off-site wells.

#### Cleanup History

Drums and underground tanks were removed. A 5½-mile extension to the public water supply was constructed, and 147 homes and businesses were connected. A groundwater treatment system was constructed and is now operating. Long-term groundwater monitoring will ensure that contamination does not go beyond the public water hook-ups.



#### Contacts for More Information

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