



UNITED STATES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION III

STATEMENT OF BASIS

WHEELING PITTSBURGH STEEL CORPORATION

Brooke Sr. Center Parcel

Follansbee, West Virginia

WVD004319539

I. Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared this Statement of Basis (SB) to solicit public comment on its proposed remedy for a 2-acre parcel (Parcel) located within the former RG Steel-Wheeling facility (Facility), north of the city of Follansbee in Brooke County on West Virginia Route 2, Wheeling, West Virginia. EPA's review of available information indicates that there are no unaddressed releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents at the Parcel. Based on the review and the additional information discussed below, EPA's proposed remedy is that no further action is required at the Parcel. This SB highlights key information relied upon by EPA in making its proposed remedy.

The Facility is subject to EPA's Corrective Action Program under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq. (Corrective Action Program). The Corrective Action Program is designed to ensure that any releases or hazardous waste and/or hazardous constituents identified at certain facilities subject to RCRA have investigated and remediated.

The Administrative Record (AR) for the Facility contains all documents, including data and quality assurance information, on which EPA's proposed remedy for the Parcel is based. See Section IV, Public Participation, for information on how you may review the AR.

II. Facility Background

The Parcel consists of approximately 2 acres of undeveloped land located within the Facility. It is surrounded by mostly wooded areas with scattered residences to the northeast. The Parcel is currently owned by 6twelve Properties, L.P. A location map is attached as Figure 1.

EPA issued a Final Administrative Order (Order) to Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corporation on June 29, 1989, requiring the investigation and remediation, if necessary of areas with known and/or suspected releases of hazardous waste and /or hazardous constituents at the Facility. Based on the investigations conducted under the Order, EPA has determined that there are no known, documented or otherwise suspected releases identified at the Parcel that would be subject to Corrective Action.

III. Summary of Environmental Investigation

During the 2011 EPA-approved RFI, no Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) or Areas of Concern (AOC) were identified on the Parcel. In addition, the available records do not indicate that there were releases or suspected releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents on the Parcel. On November 26, 2013 a West Virginia Department of the Environment inspector visited the Facility and confirmed that there was no evidence of known or suspected releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents on the Parcel.

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IV. Public Participation

Before EPA makes a final decision on its proposed remedy for the Parcel, the public may participate in the remedy selection process by reviewing this SB and documents contained in the AR for the Facility. The AR contains all information considered by EPA in reaching this proposed remedy. It is available for public review during normal business hours at:

U.S. EPA Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Contact: Estena McGhee
Phone: (215) 814-3433
Fax: (215) 814-3113
Email: mcghee.estena@epa.gov

Interested parties are encouraged to review the AR and comment on EPA's proposed remedy. The public comment period will last thirty (30) calendar days from the date that notice is published in a local newspaper. You may submit comments by mail, fax, or e-mail to Estena McGhee. EPA will hold a public meeting to discuss this proposed remedy upon request. Requests for a public meeting should be made to Estena McGhee.

EPA will respond to all relevant comments received during the comment period. If EPA determines that new information warrant a modification to the proposed remedy, EPA will modify the proposed remedy or select other alternatives based on such new information and/or public comments. EPA will announce its final decision and explain the rationale for any changes to its proposed remedy in a document entitled the Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC). All persons who comment on this proposed remedy will receive a copy of the FDRTC. Others may obtain a copy by contacting Estena McGhee at the address listed above.

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FIGURE 1



Key:

Red – Coal Tar Disposal Area

Yellow – Brooke County Senior Center Parcel

Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corporation

Administrative Record Index

6/29/98	EPA issues Administrative Order
8/31/98	WPSC submits Description of Current Conditions Report
11/4/99	WPSC submits RFI workplan
6/1/01	EPA comments on RFI workplan with conditional approval
6/15/01	WPSC workplan comments submitted
7/5/01	WPSC workplan additional comments submitted
3/6/03	EPA conditional approval letter for RFI WP
9/12/05	WPSC submits Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report
9/30/05	WPSC submits RFI Report
7/8/09	EPA letter to Severstal, review of Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report and RCRA RFI report submitted 9/30/05
9/4/09	Severstal response to RFI workplan comments issued 7/8/09
9/4/09	Severstal submittal of Phase II RFI workplan
12/6/11	EPA RFI response to comments
1/12/12	RG Steel LLC response to 12/6/11 comment letter on RFI report
3/30/12	EPA approval of RFI Phase II workplan including response to 1/12/11 comment letter and Phase II workplan dated 9/4/09
8/26/13	West Virginia Department of the Environment letter to Ewusiak Aggregate Sales regarding parcels previously owned by RGSteel
11/26/13	EPA letter to Go Green America Recycling, LLC concerning 2-acre parcel no further action status
12/5/13	EPA Statement of Basis for no further action for 2 acre parcel