



PUBLIC NOTICE
U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
CORRECTIVE ACTION COMPLETE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA)
FENWAL INTERNATIONAL INC.
MARICAO, PUERTO RICO
EPA ID PRD000706473

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to issue a “Corrective Action Complete” Determination to Fenwal International Inc. (Fenwal) for their facility located in Maricao, Puerto Rico.

In 1988, the former Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB) conducted a RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA) at the Site and concluded that additional soil sampling was required to determine if there were any releases of hazardous substances to the environment from the former “Flammable and Raw Material Storage Area” (AOC-2), located in the backyard of the north side of plant #2. On December 2016, EPA issued a letter to Fenwal notifying of the need to perform a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) at the Site, in the proximity of AOC-2. On June 2020, Fenwal conducted soil sampling as part of the RFI. Surface (0-2 ft) and subsurface (2-10 ft) soil samples were collected from borings adjacent to the to the four sides of the dike at AOC-2 and analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and non-halogenated compounds. Results indicate soils adjacent to AOC-2 do not have constituents of concern above applicable screening levels for industrial soil. Given the results of the RFI, no groundwater contamination is expected, and No Further Action (NFA) is necessary at the facility. On September 3, 2020, EPA concurred with Fenwal regarding the NFA determination (CA999NF) for the facility.

EPA hereby invites the public to comment on the proposed “Corrective Action Complete” Determination for the Site. A 45-day public comment period is being opened from June 10, 2024 to July 24, 2024. Interested persons or organizations can submit their written comments to the following address:

Carmen Guerrero, Director

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Caribbean Environmental Protection Division
City View Plaza II, 48 CARR 165 STE 7000
Guaynabo, PR 00968-8073

The documents related to the investigations and the proposed remedy will be located on the following repositories:

Alcaldía de Maricao
Calle Ruíz Belvis
Maricao, PR 00606
c/o: Mrs. Lydia Vargas

Fenwal International Inc.
Maricao Plant
Carr. PR-357, Km. 0.8
Maricao, PR 00606

The decision documents and supporting references can also be found at the Region 2 Corrective Action webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/pr/hazardous-waste-cleanup-fenwal-international-inc-maricao-puerto-rico>. Additional information regarding the Facility can be obtained from David N. Cuevas, (cuevas.david@epa.gov) EPA Project Manager for the Site. The compliance history of former activities at the facility is also available at EPA but may be subject to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requirements.