

Matteo & Sons, Inc.

New Jersey

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EPA REGION 2

Congressional District(s): 01

Gloucester

Thorofare

NPL LISTING HISTORY

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Site Description

The Matteo & Sons, Inc. site is located on an approximately 80-acre property containing an active scrap metal recycling facility, a junkyard, and an inactive landfill. Woodbury Creek borders it to the west, Hessian Run to the north, and a residential trailer park to the south. The Matteo family acquired the property in 1947 and operated an unregistered landfill, a junkyard and a metals recycling facility at the site since at least 1961. From 1971 until 1985, Matteo recovered lead from batteries using a metal separation process called sweating. In conjunction with the lead melting operation, Matteo dumped crushed battery casings in an area of wetlands adjacent to Hessian Run; there were several reports of battery casing incineration and subsequent on-site ash disposal. Drums of unknown waste material were also abandoned at the site. In January 1984, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) issued an Administrative Consent Order to Matteo for solid waste violations and required the company to cease waste disposal at the site. The scrap metal recycling facility remains active.

Site Responsibility: This site is being addressed through Federal actions.

Threat and Contaminants

Sources of contamination on the site include an approximately 224,000-square-foot pile of crushed battery casings, an approximately 260,000-square-foot inactive landfill in the north-central portion of the site, and lead- and PCB-contaminated soil located throughout the property. The company deposited crushed battery casings directly into Hessian Run and the wetlands adjacent to it, altering the shoreline.

Cleanup Approach

The site is in the Remedial Investigation (RI) phase. Environmental sampling will be performed to determine the nature and extent of contamination at the site. After the RI is completed, a Feasibility Study (FS) will be performed to develop and evaluate alternatives for remediating the site. The RI/FS will provide the information that is needed in order to select a remedy for the contamination at the site.

Cleanup Progress

Matteo (under NJDEP oversight), NJDEP and EPA all have conducted investigations at the site. NJDEP conducted initial RI field sampling at the site from September 2000 to October 2002. An Aquatic Biota Study was conducted in 2003. EPA sampling in 2005 and 2006 revealed crushed battery casings and lead contamination adjacent to and in the trailer park. Under a May 2006 Administrative Consent Order issued by EPA, Matteo installed a chain-link fence to restrict access to contaminated areas. To facilitate the fence installation, approximately 425 tons of contaminated soil were excavated for off-site disposal.

Site Repositories

U.S. EPA, Records Center, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007

U.S. EPA Removal Records Center, 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, Building 205, Edison, NJ 08837