



RCRA Corrective Action Statement of Basis & Comment Period

May 2018

Facility Name: Jewel Acquisition LLC

U.S. EPA I.D.: OHR 000 121 202

Location:

1500 West Main Street
Louisville, Ohio 44641

Activity:

RCRA corrective action Statement of Basis for remediation restricts the use of ground water at the facility and restricts the future use of the land to industrial/commercial land use.

Comment Period:

May 21, 2018 – July 6, 2018

Submit Comments to:

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What does the facility do?

Jewel Acquisition LLC (Jewel) is a specialty steel processing facility. The processing includes the pickling, annealing, slitting, shot blasting, rolling, and finishing of specialty steel sheets and strips.

What is the Statement of Basis?

The Statement of Basis is the document which will be commented on by the public. The Statement of Basis is for selecting a remedy at the facility. After any public comment has been received and addressed, a Decision Document will be issued by the Director.

What is the site's history?

The facility was developed in the early 1900s for commercial/industrial purposes by Superior Sheet and Tube, a large-scale steel processing facility. The facility has had several owners and in 2004, Jewel purchased, and is currently operating, the active steel processing facility which constitutes approximately 44 acres.

A former owner operated as an unlawful RCRA treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) facility in 1993 when hazardous waste was stored on-site for greater than 90 days without a RCRA TSD permit. This was discovered during a hazardous waste compliance evaluation inspection conducted by Ohio EPA. The operation of a hazardous waste storage unit without a permit is a violation of RCRA rules and is subject to RCRA Corrective Action obligations.

This Statement of Basis is for the 44-acre portion of the former facility that is being remediated. The remainder of the former J&L property, located at rear of 1500 West Main Street, was addressed through Ohio's Voluntary Action Program.

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What would the Statement of Basis allow the facility to do?

The Statement of Basis is for remedy selection and will restrict the use of ground water at the site and the future use to only industrial/commercial land use. Other components of the remedy will include a Risk Mitigation Plan to ensure protective measures are employed in areas that have been identified as contaminated. Also included in the plan is the proper abandonment of the ground water monitoring wells that were installed to conduct the RCRA facility investigation.

How can I become more involved?

The comment period begins on May 21, 2018 and ends on July 6, 2018. Copies of the statement of basis are available for review by the public at the following locations:

Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office
2110 E. Aurora Road
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087
(330) 963-1200

Ohio EPA, Central Office
Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization
Lazarus Government Center
50 West Town St., Suite 700
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 644-2924

The Ohio statement of basis is available for review by the public online under the "What's New" tab at:

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/derr/EnvironmentalResponseandRevitalization>

The statement of basis is also available via Ohio EPA's eDocument portal:

<http://edocpub.epa.ohio.gov/publicportal/edocho.me.aspx>

Using the search function, search under the document type of "Remedial Response" and then refine the search using the facility's RCRA ID number Secondary ID which is OHR 000 121 202. Select from the list of documents, the document dated 04/16/2018.

After the close of the public comment period, Ohio EPA will review all comments received and decide whether to issue the RCRA Remedy Selection Decision Document based on the Statement of Basis. The final Decision Document will include a notification to those who submitted written comments during the official comment period. Ohio EPA will also prepare and send to all responders a document answering significant comments. Within 30 days of a final decision, any person who submitted written comments may petition Ohio EPA's Environmental Review Appeals Commission Board to review the decision.

What is the regulatory basis to support this Statement of Basis?

The regulatory basis is part of the Corrective Action obligations under OAC Rule 3745-54-101.

What is the history of the hazardous waste program?

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), an amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal Act, was passed in 1976. The main reason for the amendment was to address the growing volume of municipal and industrial solid waste generated across the United States. A few goals established by RCRA include: to protect human health and the environment from potential hazards of waste disposal, to reduce the amount of waste generated, and to ensure that waste produced are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

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When RCRA was written, U.S. Congress' intent was for the states to assume primary responsibility for implementing the hazardous waste regulations with oversight from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). U.S. EPA must approve each state as an authorized state. To become an authorized state, each must demonstrate that the state program is at least equivalent to and consistent with federal laws, provides adequate enforcement authority and provides availability of information similar to the federal program. Since 1989, the State of Ohio has been an authorized state by U.S. EPA for the majority of their hazardous waste program.

Who can I contact for more information?

For additional information, please contact Patricia Dunbar at (330) 963-1200 or Don Vogel at (614) 644-2924.