

STATEMENT OF BASIS

Corrective Action *Complete without Controls*

Envirotrol Incorporated.

Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

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I. INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Basis (SB) sets forth the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed decision concerning the need for corrective action at the Envirotrol Incorporated, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania (Facility) at this time. The corrective action program is designed to ensure that facilities have investigated and cleaned up any releases of hazardous waste and hazardous constituents that may have occurred at their property.

EPA is issuing this SB consistent with public participation provisions of the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA will make a final decision after evaluating any information received during the public comment period.

EPA has determined that corrective action is *complete without controls* in accordance with EPA guidance published in the Federal Register on February 23, 2003 (FR Vol 68, N. 37 pg 8757). Corrective action without controls means that there is no need for further corrective action at the Facility. A RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA) was completed in 1988 and Environmental Indicators (EI) assessment was completed in 2001. Envirotrol has removed spilled activated carbon and soils from the areas identified during the 1988 RFA. During the EI site visit in 2001 there were no indications of continuing releases from Envirotrol waste management activities.

EPA has determined that there are no current releases to groundwater nor does the facility pose a risk to human health and the environment under existing conditions. EPA's evaluation is documented in a report titled *Environmental Indicators Assessment (2001)*, which includes the RFA report and is available in the Administrative Record.

EPA believes that hazardous constituents adsorbed in the spilled carbons are not likely to be released to the environment under atmospheric conditions, since activated carbon requires steam or elevated temperature treatment to release the adsorbed contaminants. EPA has concluded that releases from the spilled carbon have no significant potential to create unacceptable risk to human health and the environment. Since Envirotrol's removal of the spilled carbon eliminated any source of potential risks, EPA proposes that corrective action is now complete without controls. Any future release will be subject to clean up under Pennsylvania regulations, including provisions of Envirotrol's RCRA permit.

II. FACILITY BACKGROUND

The Envirotrol, Inc. (Envirotrol) facility is located at the intersection of the 24th Street Extension & 31st Street in Beaver Falls, Beaver County, PA. The Envirotrol facility consists of a masonry building situated on a two and one-half acre tract which is currently zoned for industrial use. Envirotrol receives spent activated carbon from costumers, reactivates the carbon using rotary kilns and returns it to the customer.

Envirotrol receives spent carbon from many sources. Some of this carbon is classified as a hazardous waste. Envirotrol is permitted under a Resource Conservation and Recovery Permit (RCRA), issued by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) for the storage of this hazardous waste carbon. Envirotrol is also subject to RCRA interim status requirements for the thermal treatment (i.e., reactivation) of the spent carbon. Currently, the reactivation operations are conducted on a limited basis. This facility is used mainly as a warehouse for the storage of spent and reactivated carbon.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

EPA is requesting comments from the public on its proposal to determine that corrective action is complete without controls at the Envirotrol facility. The thirty day public comment period begins on April 11, 2003 and ends on May 12, 2003. Comments may be sent to EPA in writing

at the address listed below.

EPA will hold a public hearing upon request. Requests for a public hearing should be made to Mr. Luis A. Pizarro of the EPA Regional Office (215-814-3444) or Carl Spadaro of the PADEP (412-442-4157). Request for a hearing should be submitted by May 12, 2003.

The Administrative Record contains all information considered by EPA during the review and development of the decision to require no further corrective action at the Facility. The Administrative Record is available at the following locations:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Contact: Carl Spadaro
Voice: (412) 442-4157
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U.S. EPA Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
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Contact: Luis A. Pizarro
Voice: (215) 814-3444
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EPA may modify its decision based on new information or public comments. Therefore, the public is encouraged to review and comment on the proposed decision presented in this

document. Written comments should be submitted to EPA during the public comment period.

Following the thirty (30) calendar day public comment period, ending May 12, 2003, EPA will prepare a final decision which will address all comments. The Final Decision and Response to Comments will be made available to the public and incorporated into the Administrative Record. If the comments are such that significant changes are made to this proposal, EPA will provide public notice of the revised proposal, and may seek additional comments.

Date

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