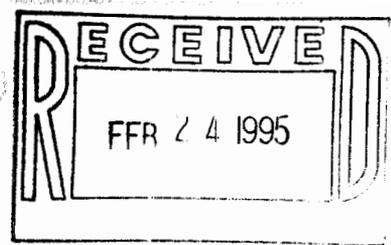


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STATEMENT OF BASIS/FINAL DECISION

Safety-Kleen Corp. Service Center, Albuquerque, NM

Facility/Unit Type: An alleged Underground Tank (UT)
Possible Contaminants: organic solvents, petroleum hydrocarbons,
and heavy metals
Media: Soil
Action: No further investigation

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FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Safety-Kleen Service Center (SKC) is located in Bernalillo County about one mile northwest of the Carlisle Blvd. and S.R. 40 intersection. Safety-Kleen is a commercial service-oriented company which is involved in the accumulation and storage of spent solvents. These wastes are eventually shipped to one of the seven Safety-Kleen recycling centers and are returned to the customers as a usable product.

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In December of 1991, SKC was issued a joint storage hazardous waste permit by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and EPA. The NMED portion of the permit contained conditions for the storage of hazardous waste in containers and in an underground tank. EPA's portion of the permit required the investigation of an alleged UT. SKC lacked the required documentation verifying removal of the UT.

Groundwater is approximately 200 feet below the surface in an unconfined aquifer and is used as a drinking water source.

INVESTIGATION RESULTS

SKC excavated the surrounding soil (32'X 24'X 5') where the tank should have been located. No tank was found. SKC then sampled the remaining soil and analyzed the soil for organics and heavy metals. Soil sampling results found no contamination in the underlying soils. Sampling and analysis were performed according to EPA approved methods. The New Mexico Environment Undergroud Storage Tank Bureau and the City of Albuquerque Fire Marshall Office were onsite to witness the investigation.

STABILIZATION MEASURES IMPLEMENTED

None

EXPOSURE PATHWAYS

Possible pathways are soil and groundwater. However, the UT was

not found and subsequent soil sampling found no contamination. Therefore, there are no exposure routes. NOTE: Please refer above to the investigation results.

RESULTING ACTION

No further investigations needed.

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES CONSIDERED

None needed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public meeting was held by SKC on September 21, 1994, at the SKC Service Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Four people attended the meeting, including representatives from the NMED and Safety-Kleen. No questions were asked at the public meeting.

NEXT STEPS

EPA will public notice the permit modification and will hold a public hearing if there is a significant degree of interest. After the public comment period is over, EPA will then make a final decision on the modification. If the final decision remains the same as the tentative decision, no further investigations will be required, since the UT is the only unit to be investigated in Safety-Kleen's permit.

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