

Parramore Surplus
Near Quincy, Florida
County: Gadsden
District: Northwest
Site Lead: EPA
Placed on National Priorities List: December 20, 1982
Delisted: February 21, 1989
ERIC ID # 3793
HWC # 020

Site Description and History

The Parramore Surplus Co. site is located in sparsely populated area of Gadsden County, Florida, approximately 25 miles west of Tallahassee in Section 13, Township 03N, Range 05W at 30° 39' 41.2904" N, 84° 41' 29.9912" W.

Parramore Surplus Co. purchased all types of government surplus for resale, including military chemicals, paints and waste. At one time, there were as many as 600 fifty-five-gallon drums and smaller containers onsite, many of which leaked their contents onto the ground. Soil and waste sampling identified polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), solvents and cyanide as contaminants.

Threat

The response action is complete and the site has been delisted.

Response Strategy and Status

Upon discovery of the problems at the site in 1981, the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDER, now DEP) contacted the site owner and began negotiations to address the contamination. After a series of site inspections, meetings and correspondence, Mr. Parramore agreed to undertake remedial actions at the site. Drums and other containers of hazardous materials were removed and disposed offsite. Groundwater monitoring was performed by FDER to verify that past practices at the site had not resulted in contamination of the groundwater.

In August 1983, FDER requested that the EPA remove the Parramore site from the National Priorities List (NPL). The EPA indicated the site could not be delisted until a limited remedial investigation (RI) was performed to confirm that the site was clean. An EPA consultant completed the field phase of the RI in March 1985 and the report was issued in February 1986.

A Public Health Evaluation was completed in August 1987, which concluded that levels of contamination in the onsite soils did not pose a significant threat to human health or the environment. A Record of Decision (ROD) was completed in December 1987 which recommended no further action for soils and additional assessment for potential groundwater contamination. The groundwater assessment program was completed in October 1988 confirming that no significant levels of groundwater contamination exist at the site. The Parramore Surplus Co. site was delisted from the NPL in February 1989.