

Florida Peach – Baseline
Baseline Road, off State Road 35 South
Bellevue, Florida
County: Marion
District: Central
Approved for cleanup: June 11, 1987
Delisted: January 31, 1987
ERIC ID # 3838
BWC # 065

Site Description and History

The Florida Peach – Baseline site (a/k/a – the A.G. Industries site) is located on Baseline Road, approximately two miles north of the town of Bellevue in Section 24, Township 16S, Range 22E at 29° 05' 14.8939" N, 82° 03' 32.7181" W. A variety of agricultural chemicals were found abandoned by the now bankrupt A.G. Industries behind the company's peach packing facility on Bellevue Road. The abandoned chemicals were first discovered by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services in February 1983.

A shed on the property contained 2,200 lbs of bagged zinc sulfate and 2,250 lbs of bagged ferrous sulfate. A small amount of what was presumed to be parathion/sulfur powder was found near the shed. An area near the packing house, which appeared to have been used as a mixing area, was void of vegetation.

Threat

A toxicity threat to local plants and animals existed. There are currently no active drinking water wells in the vicinity. A removal action took place in 1984 – 1985, and the site has been delisted.

Response Strategy and Status

In December 1984, the agricultural chemicals were removed under the direction of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDER, now DEP) and several samples were taken at the site. A partially full 30-gallon drum was sampled before removal and found to have contained 2,038 ppm ethyl parathion and 5.1 ppm Dursban. Two suspected oil spill areas were also sampled, one of which indicated a trace amount of endosulfan and 6,880 ppm oil and grease.

Based on the December sampling results, additional soils cleanup was done in January 1985.

A post-removal contamination assessment was completed in November 1985 and results indicated that no additional remedial work was necessary. The site has been delisted from the sites list.