



# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## FACT SHEET

### Seven Out Tank Site

#### Waycross, Georgia

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*This Site fact sheet summarizes the history of the Site, present Site status, and future activities planned for the Site.*

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### **Site History**

The Seven Out facility began operations in 2002. It is located at 901 Francis Street (south side of Francis Street) in Waycross, Georgia in a light industrial area. There are residences located on the north side of Francis Street. Although the facility had reported itself to Georgia Environmental Protection Department (EPD) as a used oil processor, in practice it operated as an industrial wastewater treatment facility. The facility operated under the RCRA EPA ID GAR000030007 and the pretreatment permit ID 0003 issued by the City of Waycross. The property has 37 storage/treatment tanks with a combined capacity of approximately 400,000 gallons. Wastewater was treated in batches so that the treatment process could be adjusted according to each batch, ensuring that effluent would meet treatment standards. The treatment process utilized sodium hydroxide, aluminum sulfate, ferric acid, and sulfuric acid to remove components of wastewaters through precipitation; these chemicals were stored on Site in bulk tanks. Precipitated solids were sent to a filter press and the pressed solids were transported off-Site for disposal at a landfill. The treated wastewater was discharged to the City of Waycross publicly owned treatment works (POTW) using the City's collection system.

The treatment process was generally unsuccessful and effluents regularly exceeded requirements of the company's pre-treatment discharge permit. The filter press was also an unsuccessful process that would regularly throw sludges away from the catchment basin as well as out of the containment area; in addition, the press became inoperable during cold weather. The Seven Out facility received several Notices of Violation and an Administrative Order from the City of Waycross in response to exceeding its discharge permit. Between May and December of 2003, the facility received eight enforcement letters from the City of Waycross. On March 1, 2004, the City of Waycross disconnected the facility's connection to the POTW. The facility discontinued processing wastewaters, although it was still receiving incoming shipments of wastewater. Incoming wastewaters were stored in tanks on-Site as well as four rented portable tanks that were placed on an adjoining property owned by CSX. Shortly thereafter and since that time, the facility ceased all operations without discharging the remaining waste in storage. EPD determined the facility to be incorrectly storing hazardous wastes and out of compliance with State of Georgia regulations.

An Emergency Action was initiated by EPA on January 27, 2005 after an On-Scene Coordinator discovered thirty seven abandoned tanks within the secondary containment and four portable tanks outside of containment during a removal site evaluation. The response was completed on June 10, 2005 after disposing of 355,000 gallons of hazardous and non-hazardous liquid waste from the Site.

### ***Proposed Activities***

It was determined that a removal action is necessary at the Site to dispose of the remaining non-pumpable materials from the Site that still pose a threat of release. The proposed activities for this removal action are listed below:

- Removal of waste materials from all tanks, drums, and other containers on the Site as well as from secondary containment areas;
- Decontamination and/or disposal of all tanks, drums, and other containers on the Site as well as decontamination of secondary containment areas;
- Sampling and analysis of waste to determine proper treatment and disposal methods; and
- Disposal of the waste material removed from the Site.