

Somers Tie Treating Plant

Somers, Montana

Permit Number MTHWP-95-01 (Terminated)

FACILITY FACT SHEET

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SITE DESCRIPTION

The Somers Tie Treating Plant was operated by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) and its predecessors from 1901 to 1986. Two surface impoundments were used for disposal of wastewater from the tie-treating plant and for temporary storage of wastes generated during a 1985 CERCLA (Federal Superfund) cleanup.

EPA, under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Federal Superfund), have initiated investigation and cleanup activities at the Somers facility. Work began in 1985 to address soil and groundwater contamination. An summary of the CERCLA activities at the Somers facility can be found on DEQ's Federal Superfund and Construction Bureau: <http://deq.mt.gov/Land/fedsuperfund/bns>.

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REGULATORY BACKGROUND

Laws and Regulations

The Montana Hazardous Waste Act (MHWA) is the Montana equivalent of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). MHWA and RCRA are state and federal laws that govern proper management and disposal of hazardous waste, including permit requirements for certain treatment, storage, and disposal activities.

Somers Hazardous Waste Permit

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Company (BNSF) was issued a hazardous waste permit for closure and post-closure care of two surface impoundments. In 1998, DEQ approved a permit modification allowing removal of wastes from the surface impoundments, which would end the need for post-closure maintenance. DEQ terminated the permit in 2001 after completion and certification of the removal activities.

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