

Companies Agree to Clean Mercury-Contaminated Site

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Five companies have reached a settlement with the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up mercury contamination at an Albany, N.Y.-area site.

The EPA says the legal settlement will address soil, sediment and ground water contaminated with mercury at the Mercury Refining Company site in the towns of Colonie and Guilderland.

The agreement was reached with Gillette Company, KeySpan Gas East Corp., Energizer Battery Manufacturing, Union Carbide, and Spectrum Brands Holdings Inc.

The current owner of the site is also part of the settlement and will be responsible for land use restrictions at the site.

From the 1950's until 1998, mercury from batteries, thermometers and other products was recovered, refined, and marketed by the Mercury Refining Company.

The value of the cleanup work to be performed under the agreement is estimated at \$9.3 million.

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