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### Meeting to discuss cleanup at Harley plant Company, EPA work through site's environmental issues

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**Tuesday, June 22, 2004** - Officials from Harley-Davidson Inc., the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will host a public meeting tomorrow to discuss environmental cleanup efforts at Harley-Davidson's local plant.

The plant at 1425 Eden Road, Springettsbury Township, is the site of the former York Naval Ordnance plant. As far back as 1941, the Navy and other former owners of the 230-acre site manufactured and tested military products and weapons there.

York Safe and Lock Co. originally built the plant to manufacture, assemble and test 40 mm twin and quadruple gun mounts, complete with guns.

York Safe and Lock manufactured other weapons at the site before selling to AMF in 1964. AMF, which acquired Harley-Davidson by merger in 1969, was awarded a federal contract to manufacture anti-submarine rocket launching equipment and gun directors.

As a result of those prior uses, the site has contaminated soil and groundwater. According to the EPA, primary organic contaminants include trichloroethene, tetrachloroethene and 1,1,1-trichloroethane. Primary inorganic contaminants include chromium and lead.

**Plans:** Harley-Davidson has been working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection since 1986 to study the problems and come up with remediation plans. Actions taken to date include installation of a groundwater pump and treatment system, and a soil vapor extraction system.

In January 1995, Harley-Davidson and the U.S. Navy agreed to share costs of remediation 47 percent and 53 percent respectively. In 2002, the remediation project came under the direction of the EPA.

Harley-Davidson hired environmental consultants, who estimate the company's share of future costs will be about \$7.6 million. The costs are expected to be incurred through 2010.

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