

Owens Corning Starr/Anderson, South Carolina Groundwater Evaluation

Key Facts

- In 1988, Owens Corning started the process of investigating below the surface soil and groundwater at its plant located at 4837 Highway 81 South in Starr, South Carolina.
- The company has worked with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) since then to repeatedly monitor the water at and near the plant.
- Water sampling has included 28 private wells on residential and other properties within two miles of the plant.
- In this sampling (done since 1988), no chemicals associated with Owens Corning's operations have been found in any residential water wells.
- Based on these results, there is no reason to believe that residents are currently exposed to soil or deep groundwater contamination from Owens Corning's plant.
- The public water supply has *not* been impacted by the groundwater contamination.
- One chemical (1,1-Dichloroethene – 1,1 DCE) associated with Owens Corning's operations has been detected off of the plant property. 1,1, DCE was detected roughly one-half mile to the northeast of the facility in the deep groundwater aquifer under Betsy Creek, many feet below the ground and any known residential wells.
- While 1,1 DCE was detected in Betsy Creek at levels that exceed safe drinking water standards, the creek is not classified as a drinking water source.
- There is no indication that exposure to Betsy Creek (through playing, swimming, etc.) presents a risk to residents.
- Owens Corning's top priority is to protect the health and safety of Anderson County residents, company personnel and the environment.
- Owens Corning has and continues to take steps to cleanup the contamination on and off its property and to prevent any future movement of chemicals from its property.
- The company is installing a cleanup measure that involves pumping and treating any contaminated groundwater at its plant boundary.
- Please call Owens Corning at 1.800.853.6621 or visit <http://andersoninvolvementplan.com> if you have questions.