

Project Summary

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA): Multiple Locations

Client:

Wells Manufacturing

Contact:

Mike Baumhardt
Phone: (920) 929-6311

Project Manager:

Alpha Terra Science Senior
Project Manager

Project Features

- Multiple Facilities
- Quick Turnaround



Introduction and Value to Client

A client with manufacturing plants in three states and Mexico needed Phase I Environmental Site Assessments performed on all five of their facilities as part of corporate restructuring. The assessments were completed in the short timeframe required for the deal to go through.

Synopsis

In 1903 Robert Wells founded Wells Manufacturing and it was housed in a portion of a building in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where they started producing quality automotive parts including ignition coils for the original Model "T". Since then Wells has expanded to take in the rest of the buildings on the entire block. As a leading marketer/manufacturer of quality automotive engine performance components including sensors, ignition systems, emissions control systems, switches, spark plug wire sets, fuel systems and charging systems their growth was not done. They have an additional manufacturing plant in Fond du Lac, plus facilities located in Centerville, Iowa, McAllen, Texas and Reynosa, Mexico.

Phase I Environmental Site Assessments were conducted on all five of their facilities. As is typical of Phase I's prepared by Alpha Terra Science, it was conducted in accordance with the ASTM standard in use at that time. This includes review of Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, City Directory Records, historical photos, interviews and a thorough site walkover. The Phase I conducted on the plant in Mexico was customized to meet ASTM standards to the extent practical.

Through the Phase I process it was learned that a portion of the headquarters property was historically used to manufacture batteries, an underground storage tank had been removed prior to implementation of sampling requirements, and an active metal plating line was still in operation. A Phase II Environmental Assessment of that property was recommended. No additional environmental services were recommended in conjunction with any of the other facilities.