

Willimansett Waste

MCP COMPLIANCE PROJECT

Site Location:
Client:
Date:

Chicopee, Massachusetts
Willimansett Waste Company
2006 – 2008

Willimansett Waste Company has been operating as a metal salvage and recycling facility in Chicopee, Massachusetts since the late 1930s. O'Reilly, Talbot & Okun Associates, Inc. (OTO) was hired late in 2005 after a release of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and a host of metal contaminants were discovered on the site and two abutting residential properties. Nearly 3,000 cubic yards of soil were impacted, making a conventional solution infeasible. Excavation and off-site treatment of the contaminated soil would cost millions of dollars. The client needed a solution that was cost-effective, and one that would not jeopardize ongoing business activities at the facility.

OTO developed a plan to excavate and stockpile the contaminated soil inside a building to be constructed on an unused portion of the property. Currently, impacted soil is being stockpiled behind a fence and is protected by a geotextile fabric pending construction of the building. Eventually, an asphalt slab will be constructed over the impacted soil to prevent exposure.

OTO worked closely with contractors, the client, and the affected property owners to achieve this long-term solution. OTO's creativity and willingness to pursue the most economically feasible solution ensured the safety of all involved parties and allowed the company to remain open for business. A Response Action Outcome is scheduled to be submitted in the Fall of 2008.

