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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
USER SITE INFORMATION REPORT

This USER Site Information Report has been generated for the COTA INDUSTRIES site located in Des Moines, Iowa, Site ID: U77-0046. If you have any questions regarding the site, please contact Unassigned, IDNR Project Manager, at .

About the USER Site Information Report

The USER Site Information Report is a compilation of the data entered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Uncontrolled Sites and Emergency Response staff. Sites are categorized by a unique identifier known as a Site ID. The number of USER sites entered into the database to date is 516.

The report is divided into four parts:

- Part 1: General Site Information*
- Part 2: Regulatory Action*
- Part 3: Work Plans & Site Reports*
- Part 4: State Registry Sites*

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Part 1 of the USER Site Report provides general information for a given site, such as the address, site name aliases, site background information, EPA and spill numbers, topographical map locaters, and site contacts. Also included in this segment of the report is site contamination information which identifies site contaminants detected in various media at the site, sources of the contaminants, source locations, and areas potentially impacted by the site.

Part 2 of the USER Site Report identifies regulatory activities taking place at a site. The status of those activities are also provided. The report is divided into four segments according to the regulatory activity: State Action, Assessment/Remedial Action, Consent and Administrative Orders, Record of Decisions, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

Part 3 of the USER Site Report is comprised of any work plans or site reports submitted to the IDNR. Information is provided on the number of work plans or reports associated with a site, when they were received by the IDNR, reviewed, responded to, and approved. Some reports are submitted for IDNR records and not necessarily for Department review.

Part 4 of the USER Site Report is the status of a site if it is on the State Registry or has become a candidate for the Registry. Status information may include the eligibility of the site for the Registry, when it was added or removed from the Registry, and its site classification. The site classification is designated by the letters A through E, with "A" indicating immediate action is required at the site and "E" indicating no further action is required.

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1. The IDNR Project Manager identified at the beginning of the report
2. Cal Lundberg Contaminated Sites Supervisor, 515/281-7040
3. Tim Hall, Geology and Land Quality Bureau Chief, 515/281-8169



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SITE INFORMATION REPORT

Part 1: General Site Information

SiteID **U77-0046**

Site Name COTA INDUSTRIES

Other Name(s): Cota Exterior Systems
Exterior Systems

Spill #'s:

EPA ID: IA0001764943

Date Received:

Address

5512 S.E. 14th Street
Des Moines, IA 50320
Polk County
Field Office 5

Site Background: Cota Industries was formed in 1955 and operations at the facility began in 1957. The site contained an old farm house with building constructed behind for the manufacturing operations. Danial Cota owned the facility from 1955 until December 1984 when the company stock was sold to Meredith Stubbe for a promissory note. Ms. Stubbe owned the operation until September 1986 when could not pay off the note. Then the stock was sold to David Skeets and Dana Kelley of Exterior Systems Inc. Ms. Stubbe remained as the facility manager until she was fired in January 1989. All operations ceased in October 1989.

Cota Industries operated as a formulating facility for industrial paints and coatings including bonding/acoustics coatings and pool and paint glaze. After purchase by Exterior Systems, the property was used for storage. The manufacturing process was a mixing and blending operation. A 500-gallon tank and several smaller tanks were positioned under a large mixer. Solvents and powders were mixed to create products. High pressure water was used to clean the tanks. The rinse water poured through a hole in the wall to large open tank which overflowed to the ground. Drums were routinely buried at the site after accumulating to the point of being conspicuous.

The site has been an eyesore, public nuisance and health hazard since the fall of 1989. The department, the help of EPA, attempted to deal with the site from 1989 through 1995. The EPA conducted a site assessment and removal action in 1996. The removal action included the cleanup of the paint spill on the south side of building and the removal various debries and investigation derived waste (15 rolloff boxes to the landfill). The department has an outstanding judgement against Cota (\$8,440 for site costs and \$25,321 in punitive damages). The EPA spent approximately \$177,000 for its activities.

The most obvious contaminated surface soil (paint spill) have been removed. Investigation in 1991 and 1996 did not find evidence of significant subsurface contamination with solvents. However, there has been no groundwater assessment and it is possible there may be significant subsurface contamination with paint solvents.

Site Type: Uncontrolled

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Site Name COTA INDUSTRIES

Type Of Ownership Private

Site Origin: IDNR Field Office

Site Location: Commercial

Site Area: 10 Acres

Project Manager Unassigned

Map Location

Quarter: Latitude: 41°30'12.3"

Section: 27 Longitude: 93°35'05.1"

Township: T78N

Range: R24W

UTM Coordinates

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UTMy 0.00

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Site Name

COTA INDUSTRIES

Site Contact

**PRP
Contact No.**

PRP Contact

1	Dan Cota Former Owner Cota Industries, Inc. 5512 S.E. 14th Street Des Moines, IA Phone 1: (515) 225-7430 Phone 2: (602) 830-0724 Direct Dial: (602) 830-0724 Fax:
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**PRP
Contact No.**

PRP Contact

2	Dana Kelley Former Owner of Cota Exterior Systems Inks 13846 Chrisma Houston, TX 77039 Phone 1: (713) 442-9708 Phone 2: Direct Dial: Fax:
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Site Name

COTA INDUSTRIES

Site Contamination

Type of Industries that have operated at the facility include: Paint Manufacturing

Type of Contamination detected at the site: Inorganic

Metal

Solvent

Medium Impacted Soil

Site Contaminants

Source of Contamination

Source:

Handling Practices

Dump

Drums

Source Location:

Onsite

Description of Source Location:

Paint spill area cleanup in 1996.

Drum disposal areas remain in place.

**Nearby Areas Impacted or
Potentially Impacted by the Site:**

Evidence of contamination but not at high levels.



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Part 2: Regulatory Action

Site ID **U77-0046**
Site Name COTA INDUSTRIES

Regulatory Action

Lead Agency: EPA

Regulatory Action: 455B.381(4) & (8) Haz. Cond.
CERCLA

State Action

Assessment/Remedial

Removal Action Status

Description of Removal Action

Action completed

Remedial Operable Units

Consent Order

Site ID **U77-0046**
Site Name COTA INDUSTRIES

Administrative Orders (AO)

Record of Decision (ROD) Operable Units

CERCLA Action

SI Anticipated Completion Date:

SI Completion Date: 03/07/1997

No Further Action Date: 03/10/1997

Reason For No Further Action: No further action appropriate under CERCLA.



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Part 3: Work Plans and Site Reports

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SiteName COTA INDUSTRIES

Work Plans

Site Reports

Report No.	Year	Report Type	Report Title	Due	Due Date Extension	Received	Comment Letter Sent	Approved
1	1990	TECHMEM	Field Office Report of Investigation for Cota Industries			03/19/1990		
2	1990	TECHMEM	Reprot of RCRA Compliance Inspection at Cota Industries			10/01/1990		
3	1991	SAR	Site Assessment: Geophysical Survey for Cota Drum Site			06/01/1991		
4	1991	TECHMEM	April 1991 Trip Report for Cota Industries			06/10/1991		
5	1991	SAR	September 1991 Report of Site Assessment: Cota Industries			11/01/1991		
6	1997	PA/SI	Site Inspection Report for Cota Drum Site			05/01/1997		



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Part 4: State Registry Site

Site ID **U77-0046**

Site Name COTA INDUSTRIES

Priority Eligibility Review: Medium

Eligibility Determination:

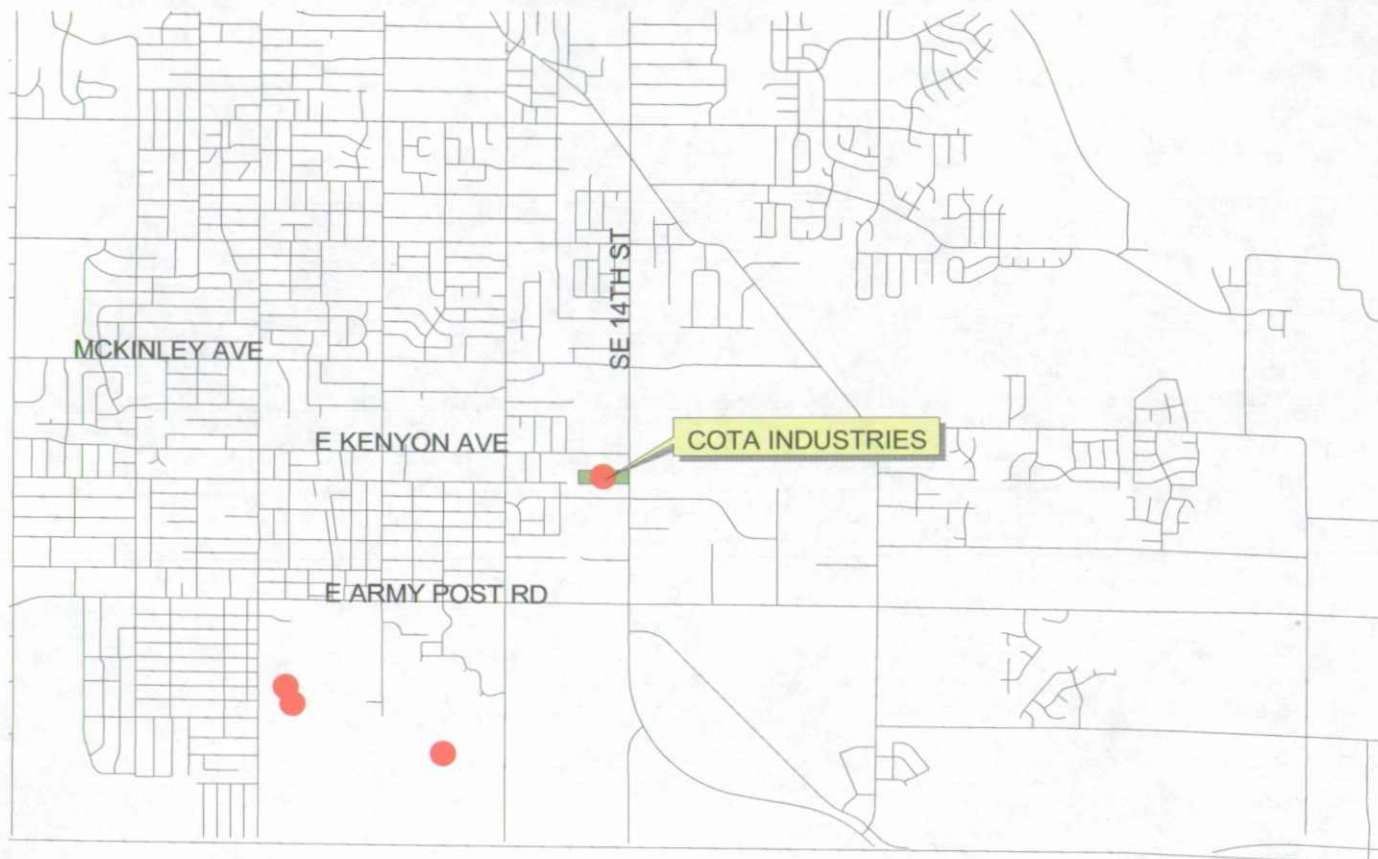
Eligibility Determination Date:

Site Registry Status:

Date Added Registry:

Date Removed Registry:

Site Classification:



Cota Industries Des Moines

