

Economic Profile

Harley-Davidson Motor Company York, Pennsylvania

BEFORE

Ammunition plant

AFTER



Motorcycle
Plant



Distribution
Center

CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY

EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of
Environmental Protection

This facility in York, Pennsylvania, was previously the York Naval Ordnance Plant, where the U.S. Navy and others under contract to the federal government began producing armaments for World War II in 1941. Since 1973 the facility has been home to a Harley-Davidson motorcycle factory.

Ordnance manufacturing contaminated soils and groundwater with chlorinated solvents. With oversight by EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program (formerly the RCRA Corrective Action Program), and participation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as representatives for the U.S. Navy due to their role in the contamination, Harley-Davidson began capturing and treating groundwater in the late 1990s. The company has successfully cleaned up the contaminated soil and reduced groundwater contamination by over 90%.

Today, the facility continues to produce motorcycles. In addition, part of the facility was redeveloped as a grocery distribution center in 2017. With cleanup well underway, the facility employs more than 1,000 people and generates nearly \$1 billion in annual revenue.



1,070

EMPLOYEES



\$1 billion

ANNUAL SALES



\$82 million

ANNUAL WAGES





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In 2005, Harley-Davidson enrolled the former ordnance plant in the One Cleanup Program overseen by EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, becoming the program's first participant. The innovative program streamlines state and federal cleanup standards to improve coordination, speed and effectiveness of the cleanup. Harley-Davidson's voluntary enrollment and proactive approach to addressing the facility's contamination has resulted in a win-win situation for the company, state and federal parties.

Engineered and institutional controls are in place to restrict land and groundwater use and to prevent exposure to contaminants. Harley-Davidson continues to use much of the facility for manufacturing its signature motorcycles. More recently, the company has leaned into clean energy with its electric LiveWire motorcycles manufactured at the York plant. Harley-Davidson also opens its doors to the public with free, behind-the-scenes factory tours that have attracted thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts.

In addition to providing a thousand jobs in central Pennsylvania, Harley-Davidson gives back to the community through charitable service. The plant has partnered with the local United Way to get its employees involved in local programs and donate their time and resources to the York community.

The redevelopment of the former York Naval Ordnance Plant is an unvarnished success story. With a new food distribution center on part of the site that has created 70 jobs, and the Harley-Davidson plant building a symbol of pride for the local community, the facility showcases the success of a streamlined cleanup.



The Harley-Davidson plant in York offers factory floor tours to see how its classic motorcycles are manufactured.



Since 2017, approximately 60 acres of the facility have been used as a 755,000-square-foot logistics center. Post Consumer Brands distributes well-known breakfast cereals like Grape-Nuts from the center.

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