



# The RACER Trust: Empowering America's Auto Communities

## Clark & Cranford, NJ

RACER Site 10080

Former Hyatt Clark Industries Site  
1300 Raritan Road  
Clark Township, NJ 07066

### Site Description

The Former Hyatt Clark Industries is the current home of the Hyatt Hills Golf Course. The Site is located in the Townships of Clark and Cranford on 87.84 acres.

The parcel housed a manufacturing facility in the past. The plant began operating in 1938, manufacturing steering wheels and door handles for vehicles. For most of the plant's operating life, it manufactured antifriction roller bearings for the automotive and railroad industries. In 1981, ownership of the site passed from General Motors Corp. to Hyatt Clark Industries (HCI), Inc., an employee-owned company that operated the plant until 1987. The plant ceased operations in August 1987 when HCI entered into bankruptcy proceedings. Ownership reverted back to General Motors Corporation (GMC).

In March 2001, GMC entered into an agreement with the Hyatt Hills Golf Course Commission to construct a golf complex at the site that included a 9-hole regulation golf course, an 18-hole miniature golf course, a multi-station driving range, auxiliary support buildings, and a full-service clubhouse. The agreement, as amended in 2015, allows the Commission to continue to participate in the management of the golf course complex, but the facility is now professionally operated by Billy Casper Golf LLC and an affiliated entity under a license agreement with RACER.

Cleanup activities are performed by the RACER Trust in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). The October 2010 Settlement Agreement that established the RACER Trust set aside \$14.2 million for cleanup work.

### Environmental History

RACER has been performing, and will continue to perform, remedial actions at the site pursuant to a Consent Order with NJDEP. Investigations at the site have been performed and areas where conditions posed a potential significant risk to human health and the environment have been addressed. The investigation and remediation work has been overseen by NJDEP and has been conducted according to standards that are protective of human health and the environment.

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Over the past 20 years, GMC and RACER Trust have completed significant remedial work at the site. To date, the following remediation activities had been completed:

- Demolition and abandonment of surface and subsurface facilities.
- Remediation of soil and groundwater contaminants.
- Construction of a 30-acre multi-layer cap system (made of a linear low-density polyethylene geomembrane) to prevent precipitation from infiltrating soil containing contaminant levels above established standards. The cap currently is covered by the driving range and parts of the golf course.
- Construction of a free-product recovery system (FPRS) to remove floating oil from contaminated groundwater.
- Excavation of affected soil adjacent to the southeast corner of the site on the adjacent Conrail Railroad property that has been affected by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). A total of 200 cubic yards of soil was removed and transported off site for appropriate disposal.
- Evaluation of on and off-site Vapor Intrusion potential. No VI issues were observed.
- Performed supplemental groundwater delineation and monitoring related to extent of free product on the site.
- Installation of new off-site, upgradient bedrock wells to evaluate extent of off-site impacts to bedrock groundwater beneath the site.

## Next Steps

The ongoing remedial Operations, Maintenance and Monitoring (OMM) include the following activities:

- Supplemental groundwater monitoring at wells located up-gradient and down-gradient of the cap, at the site's perimeter, and on adjacent property to evaluate the attenuation process for the constituents and to monitor the extent of the free product (oil).
- Operation, maintenance and monitoring of the free product recovery system. Petroleum is removed from the groundwater and stored in an on-site storage tank until it is shipped as PCB-contaminated waste to a certified disposal facility outside of the region. Pursuant to the site-specific NJPDES permit, quarterly monitoring is performed of the untreated influent groundwater and treated effluent groundwater.
- Annual inspection of the cap is conducted in accordance with New Jersey regulations to ensure the integrity of engineering and institutional controls.
- Additional offsite soil sampling will be conducted to further delineate PCB impacts to soil on and adjacent to the Conrail Railroad property.
- Administratively, the Remedial Action Work Plan, Remedial Investigation Report, Remedial Permits, and Deed Notice have been prepared and approved by NJDEP for soils.

RACER Trust is currently drafting the Remedial Investigation Report for groundwater at the site for submittal to NJDEP. Subsequent documents will include: Remedial Action Work Plan, Remedial Action Report, and Response Action Outcome.

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*Information on the site and past environmental tests can be viewed at the RACER website at [www.racertrust.org](http://www.racertrust.org).  
An information repository has been established where final project-related documents are available for public review:  
Clark Township Library, 303 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ • 732-388-5999*

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