

**Schaffernoth's Nursery**  
**Old York Road & Route 202**  
**East Amwell Township Hunterdon County**  
**BLOCK: 1402 LOT: 45**

**Community Relations Coordinator: Heather Swartz (609) 984-7135**

**SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:**

This property is used for agricultural and retail operations. A retail store, two garages and several greenhouses occupy one third of the property and the remainder is cultivated. Sampling of an on-site potable well in 1997 showed that it was contaminated with methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE), a volatile organic compound used as a gasoline additive. A subsequent investigation revealed that the source of the contamination was a leaking underground gasoline storage tank at the property. The property owner removed the leaking underground gasoline storage tank and contaminated soil and the potable well at the property was taken out of service. NJDEP's Remedial Response Element completed a Remedial Investigation (RI) in 2001 that revealed low levels of MTBE and other volatile organic compounds remained in the ground water. Sampling of additional private potable wells in the area during the RI did not identify any others that were contaminated with volatile organic compounds at levels exceeding New Jersey Drinking Water Standards. NJDEP is periodically sampling monitor wells at the site to evaluate ground water quality.