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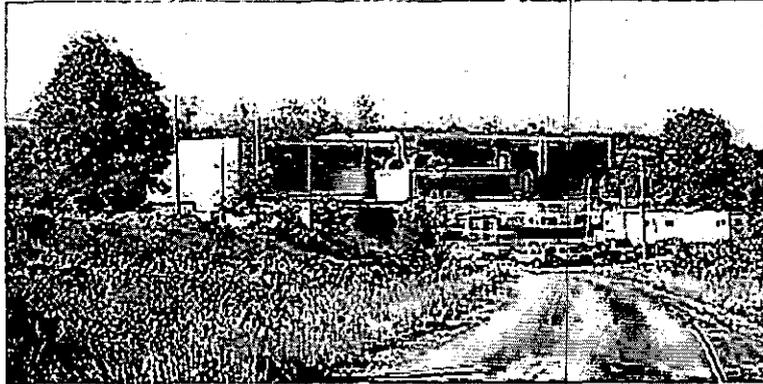
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A view of the Permagrain building from the entrance road

Located in northwestern Clearfield County, Quehanna has been the location of many businesses that have used radiation in their manufacturing processes. The facility contains residual radioactivity left over from work conducted decades ago for the federal government.

Under an approved plan by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the responsible regulatory agency, the Commonwealth began cleanup work last year. The site now includes operations for PermaGrain Products, Inc., a local manufacturer of specialty wood tile and flooring.

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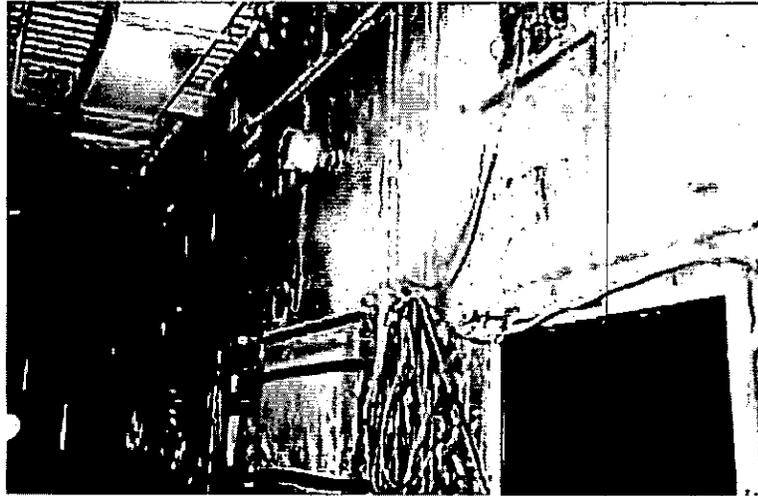
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In 1955, 50,000 acres of state forest land was sold to Curtiss Wright Corporation which developed nuclear jet engines and conducted research in nucleonics, metallurgy, electronics, chemicals and plastics.

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Curtiss Wright Corporation ceased its activities at Quehanna in 1960 and donated the facility to the Pennsylvania State University which used the facility to conduct research

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Front view of the Quehanna hot cells. Specially made thick leaded windows allowed scientists to work with nuclear materials to create generators that were used to power ocean buoys and remote weather stations.

The land was returned to the state in 1966 and now is managed by the Quehanna Wild Area in DCNR's Moshannon and Elk Forest districts. Several buildings from the former industrial operations now are occupied by [PermaGrain](#), a manufacturer of specialty wood and tile flooring. Perma Grain Products, Inc. has been tenant of the Commonwealth-owned facility since 1978.

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