

NPL Site Narrative for Gallaway Pits

GALLAWAY PITS

Gallaway, Tennessee

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The Gallaway Pits cover 10 acres near Gallaway, Tennessee. They are a series of old gravel pits used for unpermitted dumping of municipal and industrial wastes. Illicit dumping of pesticide-containing waste was discovered in 1981. In February 1982, the State ordered dumping to stop. The responsible party failed to comply with a State-ordered cleanup. The types and quantities of waste at this site, principally pesticides, indicate a potential for ground water contamination, although State samples for residential wells in the area show no contamination. While the waste material appears to be contained in the ponds, any migration could pass through the underlying sand and gravel and enter the aquifer.

Status (July 1983): EPA is considering an emergency action to deal with the most highly contaminated areas and a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

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