

NPL Site Narrative for Route 940 Drum Dump

ROUTE 940 DRUM DUMP Pocono Summit, Pennsylvania

Conditions at proposal (September 18, 1985): The Route 940 Drum Dump covers 2.5 acres on Route 940 in Pocono Summit, Tobyanna Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania. During the 1970s, as many as 600 drums of unknown materials were stored on-site. In early 1983, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PA DER) was informed that some drums may have been buried on-site. Later in 1983, PA DER detected organic chemicals, including xylenes, benzene, toluene, and chlorobenzene, in on-site soils.

The site owner, Landmark International, Inc., has hired a consultant to assist in investigating the site and developing a plan for remedial action. As part of the investigation, monitoring wells have been installed and sampled, and about 100 drums have been excavated under PA DER supervision.

Several organic chemicals have been detected in on-site ground water in tests conducted by Landmark's consultant. About 4,200 people depend on private wells and small public wells within 3 miles of the site as their sole source of drinking water.

Status (July 22, 1987): PA DER continues to oversee excavation activities of the site owner and is in the process of determining the studies required to complete 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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