

NPL Site Narrative for Ionia City Landfill

IONIA CITY LANDFILL Ionia, Michigan

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The Ionia City Landfill occupies 10 acres 0.8 mile east of the City of Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan. From the 1950s to 1968, the city owned and operated the site for disposal of municipal wastes. A portion of the site later became a recreational area. A citizen's complaint in February 1981 led to discovery of drums at the site, both buried and on the surface. Some were on the floodplain of the Grand River. In June 1981, the State excavated about 100 drums, many containing industrial liquids and some leaking. The city placed snow fences around the excavated drums. Sampling showed that the drums contain organic solvents and heavy metals. In July 1981, the State placed monitoring wells around the site and found organics and heavy metals in ground water. Ionia's well field lies about 1 mile northwest of the site.

Status (July 1983): EPA is preparing a Remedial Action Master Plan outlining the investigations needed to determine the full extent of cleanup required at the site. It will guide further actions at the site.

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