

NPL Site Narrative for Hechimovich Sanitary Landfill

HECHIMOVICH SANITARY LANDFILL Williamstown, Wisconsin

Conditions at proposal (June 24, 1988): The Hechimovich Sanitary Landfill covers 20 acres in Williamstown, Dodge County, Wisconsin. In 1985, the name was changed to Land and Gas Reclamation. The site is in a rural agricultural area approximately 2 miles south of Mayville. Operations started in 1970 when the owner received a license from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to accept solid waste. During the mid-1970s, the site was licensed by WDNR to accept hazardous waste.

The owner says he placed hazardous waste, including paint sludges, cutting oils containing lead and chromium, and spent organic solvents, in unlined pits during 1972-80. The pits were closed in 1980 as required by WDNR. The wastes and contaminated soils from the pits were placed into the landfill.

In August 1984, EPA detected ethylbenzene and xylene in two wells downgradient of the site. An estimated 5,000 people obtain drinking water from wells within 3 miles of the site.

Part of the site is in a wetland. The Hidden Marsh Wildlife Area is approximately 2.5 miles to the west. Surface waters in the area are used for recreational activities.

Solid waste has been deposited beyond areas previously approved by WDNR, in violation of the landfill's permit. A new, separate sanitary landfill has been proposed to the north of the operating site. The new landfill is proceeding through the State approval process.

Status (March 31, 1989): EPA is considering various alternatives for the site.

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