NPL Site Narrative for Savage Municipal Water Supply

SAVAGE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY Milford, New Hampshire

Conditions at listing (September 1983): The Savage Municipal Wells in Milford, New Hampshire, encompass an area of about 30 acres. Routine sampling of the well field by the State detected volatile organic chemicals, including tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, 1,1-dichloroethane, and 1,1,1-trichloroethane. Similar compounds were detected in adjacent surface waters. Alternative water supplies had to be installed to maintain service to existing residential and commercial units. Further investigation is needed to determine the source and extent of contamination in and adjacent to the well field.

The State has previously issued cleanup orders to parties alleged to be responsible for the discharge of volatile organic chemicals in the general area of the well field. In response, some of the parties have started hydrogeologic studies to determine the extent of contamination possibly caused by earlier industrial activities at their respective facilities.

Status (June 1984): The parties are scheduled to submit their reports to the State by the fall of 1984. The State is planning to conduct a limited hydrogeologic investigation during the summer of 1984.

For more information about the hazardous substances identified in this narrative summary, including general information regarding the effects of exposure to these substances on human health, please see the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) ToxFAQs. ATSDR ToxFAQs can be found on the Internet at ATSDR - ToxFAQs (http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.