

NPL Site Narrative for Somersworth Sanitary Landfill

SOMERSWORTH SANITARY LANDFILL Somersworth, New Hampshire

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The Somersworth Sanitary Landfill covers 24 acres in Somersworth, New Hampshire. Originally, the town burned residential, commercial, and industrial wastes on the site. In 1950, the dump was converted to a sanitary landfill. Unknown quantities of sludges, solvents, acids, dyes, metals, laboratory or pharmaceutical wastes, and potash were deposited at this site. Both surface water and ground water are contaminated. On-site monitoring wells detected moderate levels of carbon tetrachloride, ethyl benzene, toluene, and metals. Leachate was observed at the eastern edge of the site.

Status (July 1983): EPA recently completed a Remedial Action Master Plan outlining the investigations needed to determine the full extent of cleanup required at the site. EPA and the State are negotiating a Cooperative Agreement for a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action. At the same time, EPA is completing a search for parties potentially responsible for wastes associated with the site.

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/toxfaq/index.asp) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq/index.asp>) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.