

NPL Site Narrative for Hocomonco Pond

HOCOMONCO POND

Westborough, Massachusetts

Conditions at listing (December 1982): Hocomonco was a recreational pond in Westborough, Massachusetts, until the State closed it in 1980. It is privately owned. From 1920 to 1963, the site was the location of wood-treating and asphalt-batching operations. Past disposal practices resulted in creosote and phenol contamination of ground water, surface water, and sediments and soils in the pond and on its shore. A municipal well, the Otis Street Well, is located 1,500 feet to the northwest of the pond. To date, no contaminants have been detected in this well, which is sampled every 6 months.

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.

The owners of the property contracted for a study of the historical use of the land and the processing operations and disposal practices associated with each use. The contractor also recommended an approach to investigation of the area.

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.