

# NPL Site Narrative for Burrows Sanitation

## BURROWS SANITATION Hartford, Michigan

**Conditions at listing (September 1983):** The Burrows Sanitation Site covers 4 acres in a mostly rural area about 1 mile from Hartford, Michigan. The privately owned company accepted industrial sludges from 1970 to 1977. Six lagoons containing metal hydroxide sludge remain on-site. Sampling of the lagoons by the State indicates high levels of lead, chromium, zinc, and nickel. Monitoring wells on-site are contaminated with heavy metals, but private wells nearby show no contamination as yet. The berms around the lagoons have been breached in places, and the lagoons overflow during heavy rains. The State estimates that 2,000 to 4,000 gallons of sludge have been lost to surrounding areas. Flow from the site is toward the Paw Paw River.

**Status (June 1984):** On June 8, 1984, EPA issued an Administrative Order requiring the parties responsible for wastes associated with the site to start an immediate cleanup of 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/toxfaqs/index.asp) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp>) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.