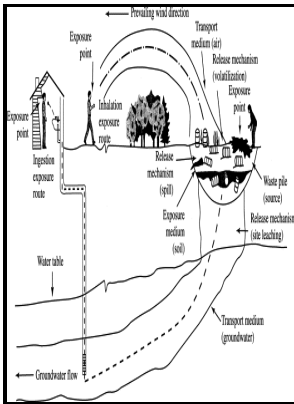


# Poisoned land - the problem of hazardous waste

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In the case of valuable recyclables such as bundles of copper wires, his company pays the factories for the wires and grinds them up in a machine to extract the metal.

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In the late '50s, about 100 homes and a school were built at the site. While operating under that regimen, the companies need to track the raw materials they bring across the border, the finished products they export, and where they send their waste, said Roberto Durazo, director of business development for the Mexican company IVEMSA. The work has involved pulling out tires, refrigerators, furniture and other debris.

## Hazardous Waste

Yenny Gutiérrez Moreno, one of the trash pickers, said she heard that years ago, before she started doing this work, people at the landfill had seen a truck arrive carrying drums filled with toxic chemicals, and they angrily prevented it from unloading the cargo. At times, plants have erupted in flames and been rocked by explosions. Now smoke pours out of the plant at all hours, floating over a row of houses and across the fields.

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The children were born and raised in the Love Canal community. Affected families have filed lawsuits against 88 of the area's 100 maquiladoras for exposing the community to xylene, a cleaning solvent that can cause brain hemorrhages, and lung and kidney damage.

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Navy and American companies like Sherwin-Williams and Tesla Motors. In Brawley, for example, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control is requiring Chevron to remediate contaminated soil and groundwater on an 11-acre property where the PureGro Company produced and stored pesticides from the 1940s until the facility closed in 2000.

## Hazardous Waste

She acknowledged that the problem has been growing as junk has accumulated in illegal dumps. All around Mexicali, vacant lots are littered with trash ranging from household garbage to shattered pieces of old computers. In addition, the Land Disposal Program Flexibility Act of 1996 amended RCRA to provide regulatory flexibility for the land disposal of certain wastes.

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Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, EPA is making grants available to States to help them establish programs to assure the safe handling and disposal of hazardous wastes. The second step is the hazard identification process and considers if the solid material should or not be excluded from the definition of hazardous waste, taking into account the different statutory or regulatory exclusions. And if the levels exceed the permitted thresholds or pose a threat of polluting water, he said, federal regulators will act.

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