NPL Site Narrative for Sayreville Landfill

SAYREVILLE LANDFILL Sayreville, New Jersey

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The Sayreville Landfill covers 30 acres in a moderately industrialized section of Sayreville, New Jersey. Part of this site is in a wetland adjacent to the South River. The town owned and operated the site as a municipal landfill. The State excavated 30 drums from the site and found that they contained para-ethyl toluene and pentachlorophenol. As many as 500 drums containing similar chemicals may be buried on-site. Wastes from this site have contaminated surface water and ground water. The Sayreville and Perth Amboy well fields, which serve about 65,000 people, are within 3 miles of the site. Perth Amboy has had to discontinue using some of its wells. Sayreville, however, has not yet detected any contamination in its wells.

Status (July 1983): The State has included this site on its 4-year plan for cleanup of hazardous waste sites.

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.