

NPL Site Narrative for Williams Property

WILLIAMS PROPERTY Swainton, New Jersey

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The Williams Property is an abandoned waste dump covering 5.6 acres in a rural-agricultural region of Swainton, Cape May County, New Jersey. The property is near coastal wetlands and wildlife management areas. Surface water bodies are used for recreation, while aquifers supply water for about 60 percent of the population of Cape May County.

The State drilled and sampled monitoring wells on the site. Analysis revealed high concentrations of toxic and highly volatile organics. The shallow Holly Beach Aquifer has been polluted by the dumping, confirmed by records, of about 225 drums of liquid hazardous wastes in 1979. During initial inspections, the State observed heavy organic odors, extensive soil contamination, and damaged vegetation. The State removed about 1,200 cubic yards of contaminated soil and transported it to the Browning-Ferris Industries Landfill in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

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. It will guide further actions at 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.