

NPL Site Narrative for Taylor Borough Dump

TAYLOR BOROUGH DUMP Taylor Borough, Pennsylvania

Conditions at listing (September 1983): The Taylor Borough Dump covers about 60 acres in Taylor Borough, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. It is near a residential area and a community park. The privately owned site served as a municipal dump in the mid-1960s. Over 1,000 drums are piled and scattered over the surface. Records indicate materials containing hazardous substances were dumped on-site. Extensive sampling of the drums by EPA has found elevated levels of a range of metals and organic compounds. EPA has also detected organic compounds such as chloroform and trichloroethylene in the air around the drums.

Status (June 1984): Late in 1983, EPA removed the surface drums using \$375,000 in CERCLA emergency funds. Approximately 253 tons of hazardous solids and 1,595 gallons of liquids were removed. In addition, security gates were erected at the access roads to prevent midnight dumping.

EPA has also begun a remedial investigation aimed primarily at defining the extent of soil contamination and determining if buried waste poses a threat to human health and/or the environment. After the remedial investigation is completed, EPA will conduct a feasibility study to determine the need for additional cleanup and, if needed, the type of cleanup measures.

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.