

NPL Site Narrative for St. Augusta Sanitary Landfill/Engen Dump

ST. AUGUSTA SANITARY LANDFILL/ENGEN DUMP St. Augusta Township, Minnesota

Conditions at proposal (September 18, 1985): The St. Augusta Sanitary Landfill/Engen Dump covers about 50 acres just west of the Mississippi River in St. Augusta Township, Stearns County, Minnesota. The site is approximately 4 miles south of the city of St. Cloud and 1 mile from the hamlet of St. Augusta.

The site was originally proposed for listing under the name "St. Augusta Sanitary Landfill/St. Cloud Dump."

The Engen Dump operated on a 10-acre portion of the site from 1966 until 1971. At that time, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) issued a permit for operation of Engen Landfill No. 1 on approximately 40 acres adjacent to the Engen Dump. In 1973, the MPCA permit was assigned to Ervin Schramel and Landfill, Inc. From 1973 to April 1982, the company operated the 40-acre portion under the name St. Augusta Sanitary Landfill. In 1983, the site ceased operations and was covered with a clay cap.

MPCA files indicate that paint wastes, solvents, high-lead sludges, and ash from hazardous waste incineration were buried at the site in sandy soils. The shallow aquifer that is the only source of drinking water for about 1,400 people is contaminated with benzene, 1,1,2-trichloroethylene, arsenic, lead, and chromium, according to tests conducted by MPCA.

Status (July 22, 1987): A steering committee has been formed representing approximately 40 parties potentially responsible for wastes associated with the site. The committee has issued a request for proposal to conduct a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

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.