NPL Site Narrative for Hooker (Hyde Park)

HOOKER (HYDE PARK) Niagara Falls, New York

Conditions at listing (December 1982): Hooker's Hyde Park landfill covers 16 acres in Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York, only a few blocks east of a 500-home residential community. About 80,000 tons of chemical wastes were dumped at this site, owned by Occidental Chemicals Corp. (OCC--formerly known as Hooker Chemicals and Plastics Corp.). The wastes include hexachlorocyclo-pentadiene (C-56), trichlorophenols, and chlorinated benzofluorides.

Monitoring data show that surface water and ground water have been contaminated by wastes leaching from this landfill. Dioxin has been found in the sediment taken from Bloody Run Creek, which drains the site. This creek runs through the residential community and discharges into the Niagara River gorge.

On January 19, 1981, the Federal and State Governments and OCC signed a Consent Decree. This agreement, which became effective on July 1, 1982, specifies the process by which OCC will remedy the problems at the site, maintain these remedies, and ensure that they remain effective.

Status (July 1983): Hooker is currently implementing the measures specified in the consent agreement.

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.