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ASBESTOS DUMP
MILLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

{OVER}

BACKGROUND

- COVERED ASBESTOS DUMP SITE ADJACENT TO PASSAIC RIVER.
- COVER HAS REPEATEDLY ERODED IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS DURING STORM EVENTS ALLOWING ASBESTOS TO ENTER RIVER.

This will cover emergencies like the recent rain situation.

- NJDEP ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (2/16/78) TO NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY PROVIDES FOR MAINTENANCE OF COVER.
- ALLEGATIONS (Michael Barta - former Gold Bond Div. empl.) MADE THAT OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES MAY BE PRESENT (eg. PHENYLMERCURIC ACETATE). According to 6/2/8 DEP memo, NG dumped acrylic paint wastes into lagoons which drained into soil.
- OTHER OFF-SITE AREAS IN GREAT SWAMP NAT'L WILDLIFE REFUGE MAY CONTRIBUTE TO ASBESTOS LEVELS IN THE RIVER (FIBER CONCENTRATIONS UPSTREAM FROM SITE WERE HIGHER THAN DOWNSTREAM). (3/78). We can't tie these areas in [illegible]

OWNER HISTORY

1975 - PRESENT	TIFA, LTD.
1952 - 1975	NATIONAL GYPSUM CO., GOLD BOND DIV.
1948 - 1952?	SMITH ASBESTOS
1927 - 1948?	ASBESTOS LTD.

PROPOSED ACTION

- INITIATE SAMPLING PROGRAM TO CONFIRM/DENY PRESENCE OF OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES. Dioxin work may delay this.
- SEND INFORMATION REQUEST LETTERS TO TIFA AND NAT'L GYPSUM.
- CONTACT DEPT. OF INTERIOR REGARDING GREAT SWAMP AREAS.

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