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Toxic sites aplenty on Naval pos

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By Bronwyn Robertson

YORK—In the past, hazardous waste from local Naval installations has posed a threat to human health and the environment. Syringes have become imbedded in deer hooves, and parts of the York River have turned green.

Today, hazardous waste sites at these facilities still may be a danger.

Currently, there are 16 sites at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station, 14 at the Naval Supply Center at Cheatham Annex and three at the Yorktown Fuels Division under investigation as part of the Installation Restoration Program. This program requires that all military facilities review and evaluate all hazardous waste disposal areas on their property.

"As time goes by, the number of actual sites change" said Jerry Young, public affairs officer at Cheatham Annex. As sites are reviewed and their potential hazards are evaluated, their ranking is adjusted.

Over the past few decades, hazardous waste sites at the Cheathan Annex have had noticeable effects on both the environment and wildlife. Medical wastes, including syringes and I.V. bottles, began floating to the top of one disposal pond and endangering wildlife. Ac-

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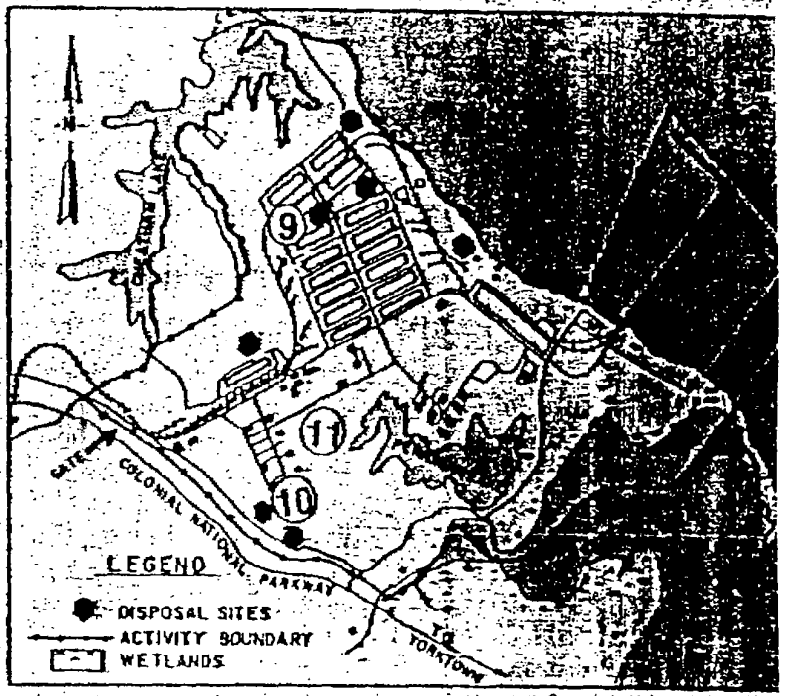

Cheatham Annex's Site 9, a transformer storage area 10, a decontamination agent disposal area, and the Site posal area were those recommended for further investigatic

* Disposal happend in late 60's.

* CAX - 12 original sites examined
4 recommended for further study
Yorktown - 20 original sites examined
16 recommended for further study
(#13 sludge farm, 13 tank-batto areas, fuel pit + abandone nks - Fuel pit + abandoned tanks now under UST)

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cording to a 1984 Navy study, site cleanup became necessary: "A considerable amount of these materials were removed because deer were getting the needles from syringes in their hooves. After a heavy rain, syringes could sometimes be seen floating in the water in the disposal pond."

nearly word for word from pg 8-4 in IAS

not quite accurate

At another site at the annex, storage drums containing submarine dye had to be removed. The contents were leaking into the York River. "The drums had corroded, and dye would leak onto the ground and into the storm drain system. During rains, puddles containing a green fluorescent dye were observed. At times, the dye would leak into the storm sewer leading to the York

Early 70's

turning the river green," a 1984 Navy study reported.

Young said that these sites are no longer under investigation. The sites currently being studied at Cheatham Annex include:

• Site 1. A landfill containing approximately 34,000 tons of domestic, industrial and commercial solid wastes including paints, incinerator ash and "unspecified drugs." This landfill was recommended for further study because of its potential to contaminate groundwater, portions of the York River and adjacent shellfish waters.

• Site 9. PCB oil is suspected to be leaking from this transformer storage area. This site was recommended for further study because of its potential to contaminate surface and ground waters and soil.

• Site 11. Oil, asphalt, gasoline and "unspecified waste" are buried at this disposal site. *

The sites being investigated at the Yorktown Fuels Division are:

• Site 13. Approximately 1,000 cubic feet of sludge containing fuel oil and cancer-causing agents, has been disposed in what the Navy has called a "sludge farm." A study by the Navy indicated that the "hazardous characteristics" of the waste could possibly contaminate groundwater and surface waters.

• Sites 14 to 26. A total of 134,000 cubic feet toxic waste is contained in 13 storage tanks. A 1984 Navy study concluded that this site could possible contaminate groundwater and shellfishing areas in the York.

According to Thomas Black, Yorktown Naval Weapons Station public affairs officer, there are 16 sites being reviewed at that facility.

* pg 7-2 + 2-7 IAS 99% accurate

** Even IAS pg 2-7 and 8-13 don't seem to match very well at this site
IAS stated "may be" buried at this site, but little real evidence supports that

Reporter failed to mention Site 10 which is listed as one of four sites in IAS for further study.