

FACT SHEET



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Martinsville City Dump Site

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Background:

- The former Martinsville City Dump (the Site) is located just outside the city limits of Martinsville (45 Rose St.) in Morgan County, Ind. The Martinsville Transfer Station is currently operating at the Site and is owned by the city of Martinsville.
- The Site is bound to the south by agricultural fields, to the north by a logging company, and to the east by a railroad and residential property.
- In the 1980s the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) received a complaint about drums that were buried on the Site in the late 1970s. A preliminary assessment was conducted at the Site in 1986 by IDEM. No evidence of buried drums was found at that time.
- In 2003, IDEM received another complaint regarding the buried drums. IDEM inspected the area of the complaint, which was described as 1349 Blue Bluff Rd. This property is the Martinsville Transportation property, which is located to the east (across the road) of the Martinsville City Dump property. No evidence of buried drums was found at this location at that time.
- In 2005, a Pre-CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System) Screening was conducted by IDEM at the Blue Bluff Road property as part of an investigation into contamination at the City's municipal wells. The screening indicated that contamination to the municipal wells originated from the southeast, so no further action was planned.
- Martinsville citizens have again recently filed a complaint to IDEM that 6-30 drums of various chemicals are buried on the Martinsville City Dump/Martinsville Transfer Station property and have pinpointed a more precise location. During a 2023 visit to the site by IDEM, possible evidence of disturbed soil was documented at the location provided.

Environmental Impacts:

- If there are buried drums filled with hazardous wastes at the Site, it is possible that soil and groundwater may have become contaminated.
- The Site is within the municipal drinking water wellhead protection area. Groundwater contamination has the potential to impact the municipal drinking water source.
- If present and unaddressed, soil and groundwater impacts may spread and pose a more significant concern moving forward.
- The city of Martinsville's municipal wells are already impacted by the Pike and Mulberry Streets PCE Plume Superfund Site (INN000508678).
<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0508678>
- The water from the municipal wells is currently being treated by the city prior to distribution and meets all federal and state safe drinking water criteria. [epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/national-primary-drinking-water-regulations](https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/national-primary-drinking-water-regulations)

IDEM's Role:

- IDEM is responsible for protecting human health and the environment while providing for safe industrial, agricultural, commercial, and governmental operations vital to a prosperous economy.
- IDEM's Site Investigation Program is currently evaluating the Site to determine if contamination is present from buried waste. The Site Investigation Program works to assess potential environmental hazards and prioritize contaminated sites for further needed actions. Once the sample results have been evaluated, IDEM will determine any future actions necessary to address the site.
- IDEM staff are available to answer questions and address concerns of residents and businesses.

Additional Information:

- The public may direct questions and concerns regarding IDEM's environmental investigation at the Martinsville City Dump Site, including information on sampling results and potential environmental impacts to Katie Neighbors, IDEM Project Manager, at 317-234-7094; toll-free at 800-451-6027; or by email at kneighbo@idem.IN.gov.
- News media may contact IDEM's media office at 317-232-8596; toll-free at 800-451-6027; or by email at media@idem.IN.gov.