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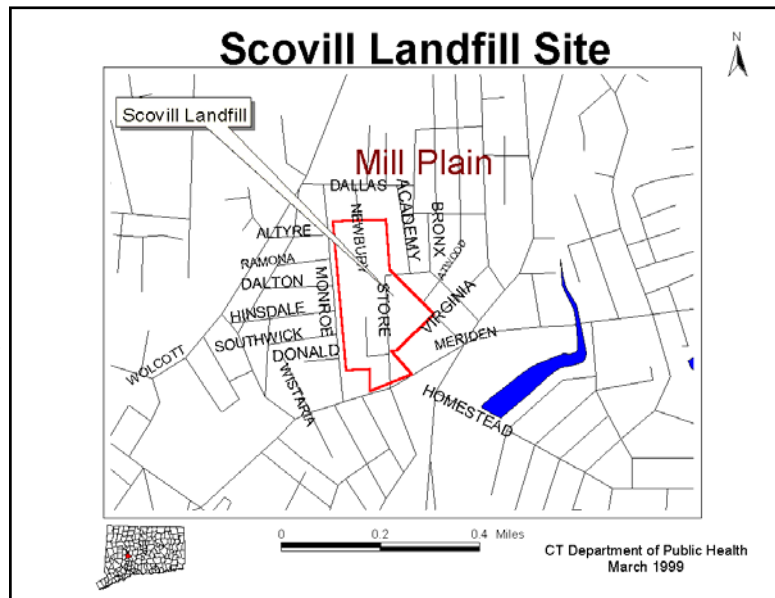
Scovill Landfill

Waterbury, CT

This fact sheet was developed by the CT Department of Public Health and the Waterbury Health Department to provide information and answer questions about the Scovill Landfill.

Site Background

In the fall of 1998 the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) completed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment to determine the history of the Scovill landfill. This Assessment reviewed historical records and files for the site. CT DEP determined that a 30 acre parcel located between Monroe and Academy Avenues (See Map) was used from 1919 until approximately the mid 1970's by Scovill Manufacturing as their ash and cinder dump. Beginning in 1941, parcels were subdivided, sold and developed.



Apartments, condominiums and commercial properties exist on approximately 23 acres of the site. Most of this area is covered with buildings, paved streets and parking lots. There are grass covered yards around some of the apartment and condominium properties.

A 7 acre parcel, referred to as the Calabrese Construction Company property was the focus of a removal, capping and fencing effort in the spring/summer of 1998. Construction activities at this site in the early 1980's caused landfilled material to be brought to the surface including leaking capacitors, construction debris and rusted drums.

Can We Be Exposed To Landfilled Materials?

- ◆ Exposure occurs when people ingest (eat), breath or have direct skin contact with a substance or waste material. At the Scovill landfill site, the most likely way in which people could be exposed is through direct contact with the landfilled material. At present, much of the material is covered either with a structure, paved road, parking lot or grass. Direct contact is therefore unlikely. While further investigation of the site moves forward, it is important that these covers be well maintained and not disturbed to prevent potential exposure.
- ◆ **It is very important that digging, gardening or other activities that might expose landfill material not occur. If you see this type of activity occurring, please contact the local health department or CT DEP (see below).**
- ◆ In the past, people who visited the Calabrese Construction site may have been exposed to PCBs if they came in direct contact with contaminated soils. Exposure to these materials can not occur now because the site has been capped and fenced.
- ◆ All businesses and residences located on the 30 acre Scovill landfill receive drinking water from a public supply, therefore there is no risk associated with drinking contaminated water.

What Are the Next Steps?

Environmental sampling will be conducted in the spring. The state and local health departments will evaluate the sampling results to determine if the levels found would present a health risk if exposure were to occur. Area residents and workers will be informed of site activities and evaluations.

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