

Case Number 13-C319-016-FRS	Case Title Newton Township – Well Water Contamination
Activity Interview of Jerome and Dorothy Trembley	Date of Activity September 11, 2015

Narrative¹

At 10:30 AM on Friday, September 11, 2015, Special Investigative Warden Robert Stroess, in plain clothes, met with Jerome and Dorothy Trembley at their residence, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as part of a pre-arranged meeting to discuss their observations of a former dump site near their residence. Stroess had been asked by Tauren Beggs of Wisconsin DNR to conduct the interview. Stroess had also received email correspondence from Karen Dorow, City of Manitowoc Business Manager, who provided contact information for the Trembleys and who had spoken to the Trembleys about Stroess interviewing them. Stroess had telephoned Dorothy Trembley on September 10 to arrange the interview.

Stroess was greeted outside by Dorothy Trembley and they walked to the back yard where they met with Jerome Trembley. They all walked into the house and sat around the dining room table. Both Jerome and Dorothy Trembley identified themselves verbally as follows

Jerome W. Trembley
D.O.B. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Manitowoc, WI 54220
[REDACTED]

Dorothy J. Trembley
D.O.B. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Manitowoc, WI 54220
[REDACTED]

Stroess explained his role in the investigation and asked the Trembleys to explain their knowledge of dumping at a nearby site. They provided the following information (provider denoted after piece of information):

- They moved here in 1976. (Both)
- There were approximately 18 acres (hereafter referred to as “site”) immediately west of their

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Warden Reporting Robert Stroess	Date of Report September 11, 2015	Exhibit Reference
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property and it was owned by the Tittl family (which included Zeke Tittl and his son Tom Tittl). (Jerome)

- A group of four men purchased the site sometime in the late 1970s or early 1980s. Jerome first said the purchase occurred about 2-3 years after the Trembleys moved there, but later said it was in the early 1980s. The group of four men consisted of a banker, a blacktop business owner, Tiny Dow from Dow Canvas, and Duke Lawson from Lawson Chevrolet). The group of four men sold about 2 ¼ to 2 ½ acres to someone for a residence but retained the rest of the acreage at the site. (Jerome)
- When Interstate-43 was being constructed the blacktop business owner was involved in the construction, specifically in the removal of existing roadbed concrete and underlying gravel. Jerome saw hundreds of dump truck loads of roadbed/concrete being dumped on the site. These loads were from the blacktop business owner's fleet. (Jerome)
- Over the course of four to five years during and after the interstate construction, Jerome saw dozens of vehicles at the site after normal work days. The vehicles were unmarked vehicles and were filled with tanks, concrete, and other materials, all of which got dumped at the site. The people with the vehicles drained the tanks. Jerome contacted some of them as they were doing it, saw them open the spigot, and asked them if they had permission to be there. Jerome did not know what was in the tanks that were drained. (Jerome)
- Dorothy would intentionally walk past the site about once per week in the late 1970s because she wanted to see what was being dumped on those particular days. She only remembered seeing concrete, blacktop, and wood dumped there. (Dorothy)
- Neither of them remembered any odors coming from the site. (Both)
- The Manitowoc City Garage just northeast from their residence had a diesel fuel spill in the 1980s or 1990s during which they could smell the strong odor of the diesel fuel. (Both)
- There was significant excavation of soil during the cleanup of the diesel fuel spill and the DNR monitored the cleanup. (Jerome)
- Doug and Nancy Voelker who live on Viebahn Road west of Hecker Road witnessed a lot of dumping and burning of dumped chemicals at the Hecker Road dump location. The Voelkers had told the Trembleys stories about their observations. They suggested Stroess speak to the Voelkers. (Both)

Stroess thanked them and left at 11:37 AM.