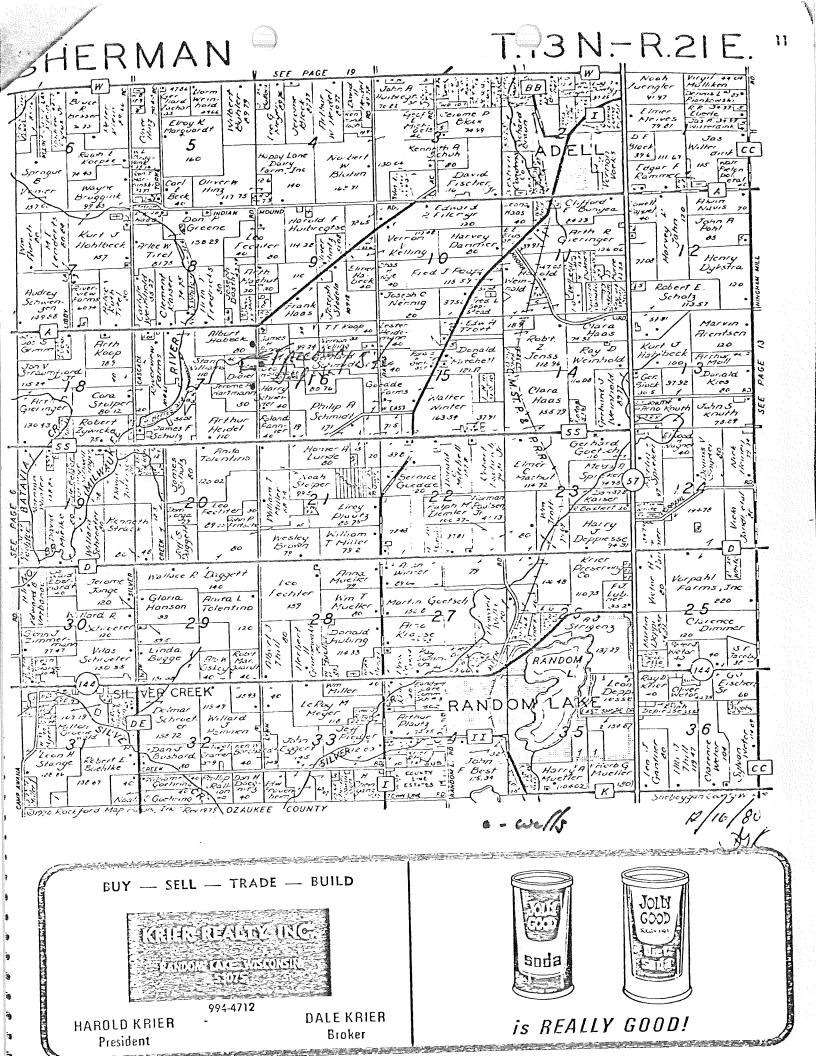
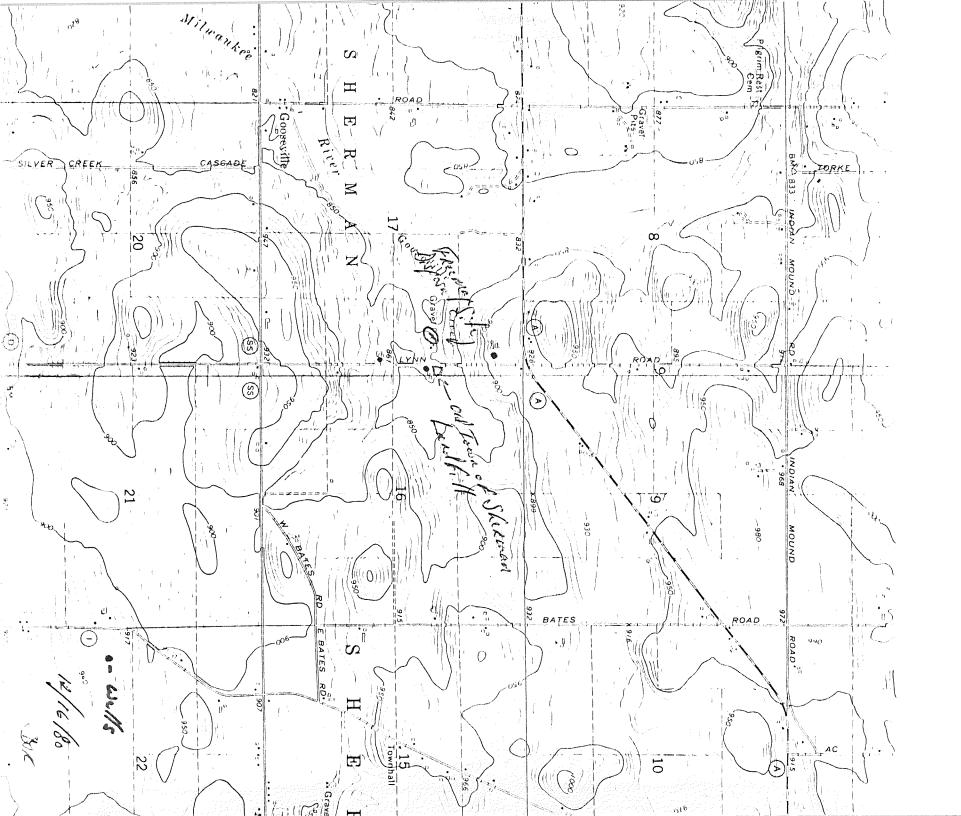
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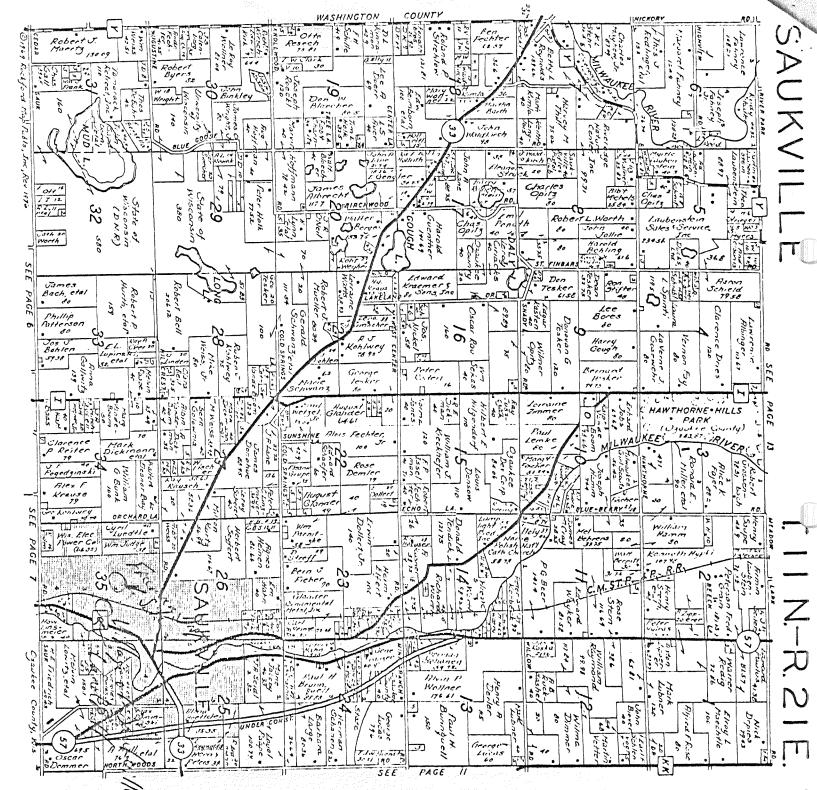
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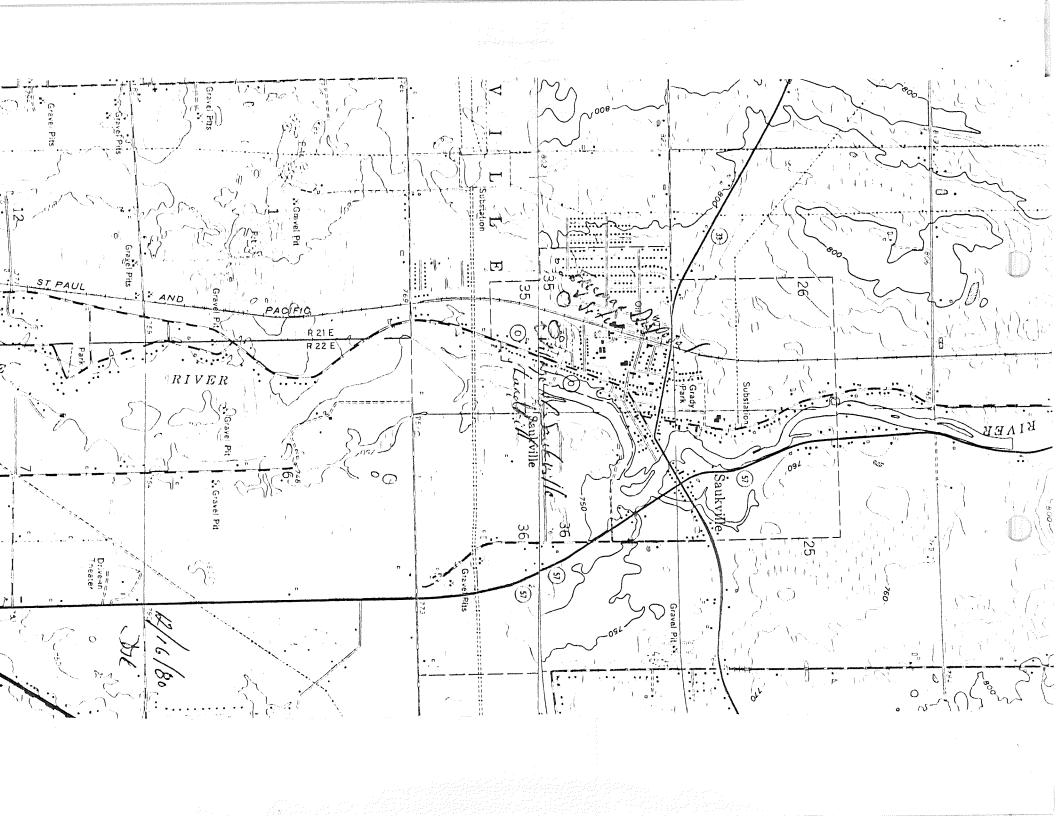


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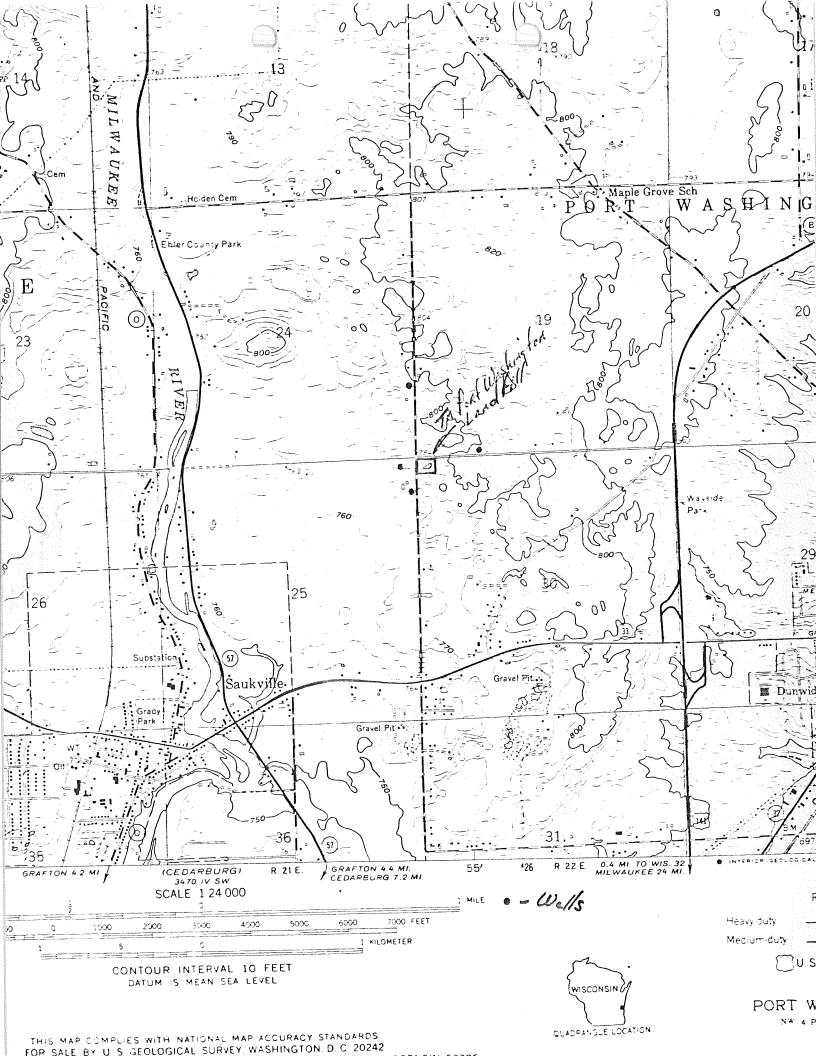


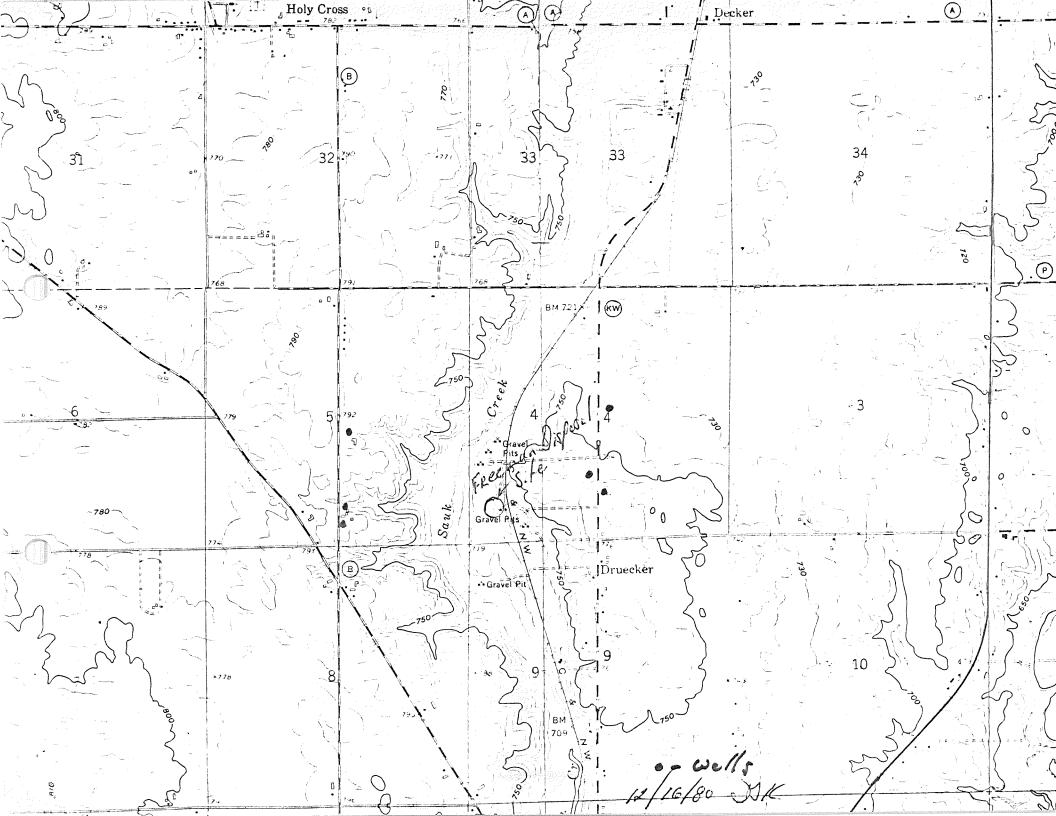
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FACTS ABOUT FREEMAN CHEMICAL CORPORATION

The following information is Freeman Chemical Corporation's response to recent subjects discussed in various Milwaukeearea media.

SAUKVILLE WATER PROBLEM

On December 10, 1980, <u>The Milwaukee Journal</u> said, "Cancer causing contaminants believed to be from the Freeman Chemical Corp. are present in Village of Saukville water supplies, an EPA official said Wednesday." The facts are:

- *Freeman Chemical uses the water from Saukville's Well #2 for cooling purposes only.
- *This well was taken out of service to the Village in February, 1979 and except for 15 days in April, 1979, it has not been used for human consumption. Freeman spent \$30,000 on pipeline to transport water from this well directly to the Freeman plant to remove allegedly contaminated water from Saukville's water supply and use it for cooling rather than for human consumption.
- *Tests on Saukville well water have been conducted since 1979. The EPA issued results in August, 1979 stating that no gasoline, fuel oils or other natural hydrocarbons (of which benzene is one) could be found. Further, no trichloroethylene could be found.
- *The EPA analyses of Well #2 in Saukville of March, 1980 reported the presence of 0.5 parts per billion trichloroethylene and 0.2 parts per billion benzene. The EPA has stated that the lowest concentration of trichloroethylene for which a risk has been determined is at the 2 whole parts per billion level (compared to 0.5 of 1 part per billion found in Well #2). It was stated that if a million people consumed 2 liters of water with 2 parts per billion of trichloroethylene every day for their entire lives, one person out of the 1 million could contract cancer, based on tests on lab animals. The same could be true for benzene at the 1.5 parts per billion.).

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- *Freeman Chemical Corp. does not utilize <u>any</u> benzene or trichloroethylene.
- *Trichloroethylene was a commonly used ingredient in dry cleaning fluids and presently is used in metal degreasing activities. Benzene is present in gasoline. It is common knowledge that spent dry cleaning fluid was discarded in the Saukville area near Well #2. It was also reported that a serious leakage of gasoline occurred near Well #2. Both of these instances have no relation to the operations of Freeman Chemical Corporation.
- *We do not feel Freeman Chemical Corp. is responsible for the alleged contamination of Saukville Well #2. We refer you to the attached statement from the Village of Saukville for further information.

DISPOSAL SITES

On December 7, 1980, The Milwaukee Journal said, "DNR, chemical firm to clean up waste in secret." "The Department (DNR) and Freeman Chemical officials decided, in cooperation, to clean up the waste but keep the operation secret for fear of causing undue public alarm . . " This statement implies that Freeman Chemical and the DNR acted in collusion to secretly hide the cleanup of a disposal site because it allegedly contained harmful wastes. The facts are:

- *Freeman Chemical Corp. has voluntarily cleaned up all surface drums and leakage at the disposal site adjacent to the Town of Wayne dump and this has been verified by the DNR. However, Freeman Chemical Corp. does not know who else, if anyone, has at some previous time disposed of materials in this area. The cleanup was performed as a public service.
- *Freeman Chemical Corp. installed an open pit air curtain incinerator designed by DuPont in 1968. It was a forerunner of chemical incineration. It was subsequently replaced by two of the more advanced incinerators which were completed and operational in 1972 and are in use at the Freeman plant today. These latter two incinerators were approved by the DNR.
- *Since 1972, all waste has been removed from Freeman Chemical Corp. by a DNR licensed hauler or burned in the company's two modern incinerators.

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*Prior to 1972, Freeman has disposed of its waste as follows:

- -Freeman utilized a disposal site in the Town of Sherman in Sheboygan County. That site was in-Cinerated and never used again. In the middleto-late 1960's, Freeman utilized a disposal site inchorthern Ozaukee County several miles north of Port Washington. We incinerated this site, and the fire was reported in the media. To the best of our knowledge, that site also was never used again by Freeman Chemical.
- -From 1968 to 1970, Freeman hauled incinerator ashes and containers to the Village of Saukville dump and the Town of Port Washington dump.
- -Prior to 1972, several Town of Saukville farmers have hauled some waste from Freeman Chemical and burned the waste at their sites.
- Freeman Chemical had a pit incinerator and had dumped materials at the site of the incinerator on previously owned property west of the plant.
 - *Freeman Chemical emphasizes that in disposing of our materials, at no time have we ever violated any law in effect at the time we disposed of them, and at no time have we ever disposed of materials in a manner that we knew would endanger public health or safety. For example, disposing of our materials would be like placing a fiberglass boat hull in a dump or cleaning your paint brushes after painting your house. They are everyday household items.
 - *It has always been the policy of Freeman Chemical Corp. to voluntarily cooperate with public officials in the safe disposal of materials. Our first concern is for the public welfare. The materials we disposed of years ago were not classified toxic or hazardous on the basis of all existing knowledge. If any of these materials were ever found to be existing somewhere and classified as toxic or hazardous, we would remove them.

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*Freeman Chemical Corp. does have an odor problem at the Saukville plant. Spillage from incinerators was causing a problem, and this specific situation has been improved. Efforts are continuing to solve the remaining problem of lingering odor at the Saukville plant.

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