

PERSON ADDRESSED.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON ADDRESSED:
WRITE REPLY AT BOTTOM OF FORM; REMOVE CARBON FROM FORM.
RETURN PINK TO SENDER, RETAIN WHITE FOR YOUR FILE.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

JAN 22 1981

SUBJECT

Sankoville
Northern Signal

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a summary of what I've got
it wasn't very helpful. I'm
get a hold of Milton Curtz
I do I'll let you know

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Saukville - Northern Signal Investigation

Contacts

Michael Hargan - Village Administrator - Saukville

Mr. Hargan indicated he was not very familiar with Northern Signal. He knew that they used a degreasing but in which they submersed electrical components but did not know what solvent was used as the degreasing agent.

He gave me the names of Nancy Muecman, a reporter for the Ozaukee Press who had done a story on the contamination of Well 2, Milton Curtz a former employe of Northern Signal who was the supervisor responsible for the degreasing operation, and Anita Becker, also a former employe of Northern Signal.

He indicated he would get back to me with information on the construction of the monitoring well in the old village of Saukville landfill.

Nancy Muecman - Reporter - Ozaukee Press

Ms Muecman gave me the names of 3 people who were former employes of the company.

Wilfred Schmit, Marlene Lander and Ewald Cherlin. She indicated when she talked to these people

they remembered the degreasing operation but could not give any specific information on the formulation

of the solvent or how it was disposed of.

She also gave me the name of Richard Thompson - who still is with Northern Signal in Minnesota

Anta Becker

Mrs Becker indicated that she saw the degreasing vat in operation only a few times since she worked in the office. She had no idea what the solvent was or how it was disposed of. She said to contact Wilfred Schmit, who was the plant supervisor in Saukville but is no longer with Northern Signal.

Milton Curtz - Supervisor of degreasing operation -

Mr. Curtz indicated that a Tank 6x3x5 ft was used. It was on above the floor model into which 18" of TCE was placed. He said they purchased about 4 50 gallon drums of Trichloroethylene/month. Most of the trichloro was lost through evaporation. What remained was distilled and reused.

After distillation he was left with about 1.5 gallons of waste which was then dumped down the cement casing of some old outside toilets on the Southern Drive of the Northern

Signal company next to a casing company
He indicated that the room housing the
degreasing operation was the 2nd room of
~~the building~~ from the Southwest corner of
the building. He said there was no sewer
in the room and that Northern Signal never
poured any of their waste down the drain

Mr. Wulfend Schmit -

Mr. Schmit did not add any new inform-
ation, and was not very eager to talk with me
He indicated the vat was an above floor model
and the solvent used was either DTCE or
Carbon tetrachloride but he couldn't
remember for sure. He thought that some
of the solvent was reclaimed but again
was not sure

Murdell Standen

Said they worked in the paint section
& knew nothing about degreasing operation

Tuesday, January 13, 1981

I walked the southern line of the Lauterstein property in Sankoville (formerly the property of Nathan Signal) looking for the cement footings down which the sludge was disposed of as indicated by Milton Curtz. I was not able to locate these footings. A large portion of the property had been covered with a large pile of tires, a trailer, and other various refuse there was also a snow cover. If the footings are still present they are not readily visible. They could be buried under all the junk.

I've been trying to contact Milton Curtz again to obtain a map detailing the site of dumping as well as the volume of sludge. To this point I've not been successful.

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