## CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

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File - Saukville Wells Case

From:

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Subject:

Visit to Saukville on June 8, 1981

Frank Trcka and Chad Czarkowski (WS-SED) of SED and Ed Zilstrum of EPA, Region V accompanied the author to Saukville to split samples with EPA of Saukville Public wells #1, #2, #3 and #4 and the well in St. Mary's Cemetery in Saukville. The well at Laubenstein's Roofing was also bailed and water was placed in a bottle for odor testing. Laubenstein's property was walked to look for the suspected "privy" discussed as a point of disposal alleged for trichloroethelene residue from the N. Signal Company. The south fence line and the east property line along the railroad tracks were walked and photographs were taken. What appeared to be a concrete structure similar to what was described as a "privy" was located along the east property line along the tracks and photos were taken of that. The well was also photographed.

Freeman Chemical was also entered, sediment and effluent from a settling basin from their truck washing operation was sampled. SED also split these samples, but they will not be tested until EPA tests theirs. The Freeman Operation appeared rather "unclean", and it appeared that spillage around the plant of many materials was common-sort of "incidental" spillage. The odors from the facility were quite strong and could be picked up at well #3 on the far east side of town about №3/4 miles away. The odor was the same, in the author's opinion, as the well water in the Laubenstein well and the cemetery well. Freeman's incinerator (unlicensed) and barrels around the facility were photographed as was their surface water "catching" pond for spill containment next to the receiving area. A drain with a quadripod over it was observed, which they said could be closed from a distance-although no overhead line or cable leading to it was observed which would achieve this function. Representatives of Freeman who accompanied us felt that their former neighbor across the road (N. Signal) were to blame for the chlorinated organics in the wells, and they wanted to be left alone. They thought that no company could normally survive with the close scrutiny this facility has had by the government. The Maleicand Phthalic Anhydride storage tanks were observed and photographed.

Logeman Brothers Company was also observed from the auto to see where the leaking barrels EPA wanted to sample were. We could not see any such barrels, but it appeared the facility had some sort of solvent still. This facility appeared to be a large machine shop for heavy equipment, and may do some degreasing with solvents.

Once the DNR and EPA samples are processed, we should know more about the accuracy of EPA's results, and more about the extent and nature of the problem. We also discussed EPA's proposal to send their FIT contractor to the Village to develop a monitoring program some time in the future.

A location map is attached.

GAE:jb - Attach.

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