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Dictation taken from Russ Susag by phone on 12/8/80

POINTS TO DESCRIBE 3M INVOLVEMENT
WITH THREE SITES IN OAKDALE

Abresch Site

1. It was owned and operated by Abresch Barrell and Drum Company.
2. 3M 'contracted' with Abresch Barrell and Drum Company to pick up and dispose of wastes generated at 3M's St. Paul plants from approximately 1945 to the fall of 1959.
3. The types of wastes to be disposed was both "dry scrap" and "wet scrap". Dry scrap would consist of solid materials such as paper, wood pallets, rolls of tape, rolls of paper, film, etc.

Wet scrap would consist of liquid and semi-solid mixtures of solvents, resins, adhesives and dry scrap materials contaminated with solvents, resins, and adhesives.
4. The principal solvents disposed of during this time period would have been heptane, toluene, acetone, MEK, MIBK, isopropyl alcohol and mineral spirits.
5. 3M contracted with Abresch to pick up and dispose all wastes from 3M's Chemolite plant from 1956 until the fall of 1959. Wastes from Chemolite would likely have been similar to that from the 3M St. Paul plants with the addition of isopropyl ether to the list of likely wet scrap items.
6. In the fall of 1959 Abresch Barrell and Drum Company sold their trucks (transport equipment) to St. Paul Terminal Warehouse and 3M contracted for disposal of wastes from its St. Paul plants and Chemolite plant with St. Paul Terminal Warehouse for approximately six months from the fall of 1959 to the spring of 1960. During that period the wastes were disposed of on the Abresch property.
7. Information gathered during interviews indicate that burning on the Abresch site was a relatively common practice until the mid 1950's. Trenching apparently was practiced between 1956 and 1959.

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8. Disposal operations apparently terminated in 1960 or 1961. The site was subsequently sold to the present owner William Dale (the NW portion of the site) and to Donald Orrin (SE portion of the site).

9. 3M has leased the SE corner of this site since 1958 for 3M's surplus properties operation.

Brockman Site (immediately West of Granada, adjacent to the Abresch site).

1. We have no record of any 3M involvement with the use of this site.

2. Apparently the site was used prior to 1956 as indicated by aerial photographs.

3. Information received during interviews indicates that this site was used by waste disposal truckers working for Abresch as an alternate disposal site when weather conditions prohibited them from driving on to the Abresch site.

Eberle Site (located at Hadley and County Road B approximately 1/2 mile north of Abresch).

1. That the site was owned by a farmer by the name of Eberle whose farm building still stands on the east side of Hadley near County Road B.

2. There are indications that 3M may have leased this site for disposal.

3. It was used from approximately 1945 to 1955.

4. Waste was hauled there by Noel Trucking from the St. Paul plants.

5. Waste types were dry scrap only in this case that were spoiled and off spec products.

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6. Daily burning was practiced to destroy these wastes so that people could not pick them up and sell them.

7. The site was small, less than 5 acres, and partially fenced with security(?) on duty during hauling.

8. Indicates are that no barrels or wet scrap was disposed of at this site by 3M.

9. Burning bans instituted in the mid 1950's apparently discontinued use of this site.

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