

Kidder, Mo., Dump Is Cited As Possible Health Threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal Environmental Protection Agency is preparing to add a site in northwestern Missouri to its list of toxic waste dump sites that could pose a "current threat" to health, an EPA official says.

The agency's John Seltz said Tuesday that a draft revision of the list made public six weeks ago now includes the Rural Drum Disposal Site near Kidder, Mo., in Caldwell County, where 128 barrels of paint and paint solvent have been stored.

The revision retains four sites in Missouri that were on the original list but deletes Frustanac, Mo., where oil contaminated by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) once has been removed.

Three of the other four companies whose sites were included in both the original list and the new draft — GAF Corp. and Certain-Tyond Corp., both of St. Louis, and Syntex Agriluminex Inc. of

Verona, Mo. — are moving ahead with plans to properly dispose of toxic wastes, officials said.

The owner of the fourth site, Conservation Chemical Co. of Kansas City, also is moving ahead. But a state official said that company could face monetary penalties for missing a deadline.

Federal reports say the Kidder disposal site poses a "potential threat to public health and environment," but Missouri officials say the situation poses no real serious problems.

EPA spokeswoman Rebecca Michael said both federal and state officials notified the TNEMEC Co. of Kansas City, which she said generated the waste, that it was in violation and would have 30 days to dispose of the waste properly. State officials said that they understood the drums had been cleaned up but that they have not been notified formally.

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Monsanto Credit Union has become the first credit union in Missouri authorized to issue VISA credit cards at an annual percentage rate of 12 percent instead of the usual 18 percent bank rate, according to Don Berre, general manager of the credit union.

The \$30 million credit union is offering the VISA card to some segments of its membership, including Monsanto employees and their family members.

"The VISA card is exactly the same worldwide VISA available through banks except the member pays less for credit," Berre said.

In addition the credit union provides credit life insurance, at no additional charge, which insures any balance owed should a member die, Berre said.

"We are proceeding slowly with our 12 percent VISA marketing because of sheer volume," Berre said. "There are about 100 credit unions nationwide offering 12 percent VISA cards and they have been inundated with applications. So many, in fact, that the credit union staff was overwhelmed and many members were disappointed because of the delay."