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Odds and Ends

ENVIRONMENTAL officials are keeping a nervous eye on hazardous-waste sites inundated by the flood. Twelve feet of water surrounds a Sauget, Ill., riverside dump that contains toxic wastes from a nearby Monsanto plant, lapping against the clay "cap" covering the dump. So far, the 22-acre dump's cap is holding, says Mary Gade, director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. . . . Minnesota's low-tech solution to purifying flood-contaminated wells is to pour chlorine bleach down them, allow it to sit overnight, and then let taps run until the bleach smell disappears. If coliform bacteria is still detected using state-supplied kits, it's time to drill a new well.

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