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ORDOT LANDFILL GUAM

EPA ID# GUD980637649



EPA Region 9
**City: Near the Villages
of Ordot and Chalan
Pago**
County: Guam
Other Names:

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SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Description: The 47-acre Ordot Landfill site has been in operation since World War II. The site served as the island's primary landfill for industrial and municipal waste, including spent industrial and commercial chemicals, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)-contaminated oils from transformers, and munitions. Analysis of groundwater, surface water, leachate, soil, and air

detected several contaminants at levels that should not affect human health. The nearest residences are 1,500 feet from the site. The nearest groundwater well is located 1,000 feet northwest and uphill from the site. The residents of Guam rely primarily on a sole-source aquifer located north of the site for their drinking water. Groundwater samples indicate the landfill currently is not affecting the quality of the municipal wells. The landfill is in a volcanic upland region, where site runoff flows directly into the adjacent Lonfit River, which empties into Pago Bay.

<p>Site Responsibility:</p> <p>This site was addressed through Federal and Territorial actions.</p>	<p align="center">NPL LISTING HISTORY</p> <p>Proposed Date: 12/30/82</p> <p>Final Date: 09/08/83</p> <p>Deleted Date:</p>
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THREATS AND CONTAMINANTS



Groundwater, surface water, and leachate contained heavy metals such as iron, manganese, and nickel. Soil was contaminated with phthalates and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Leachate seeped from a number of locations around the site into the Lonfit River. Samples from both the river and the bay indicated that leachate from the site had not caused a measurable change in the water quality. There are no drinking water wells downgradient from the site; therefore, contact with contaminated groundwater or surface water was unlikely.

CLEANUP APPROACH

Response Action Status



Entire Site: In 1988, the EPA selected a "no further action" remedy for the Ordod Landfill site. Through site studies, the EPA concluded that current threats to human health and the environment are a result of poor landfill operation practices. Therefore, any threats are best controlled by appropriate operation and maintenance practices enforceable under the Clean Water Act. Groundwater monitoring wells were installed in 1992. These wells will be monitored by the Guam EPA to ensure that contamination levels remain within established levels. No further Superfund actions are planned, unless new information warrants a response action.

Site Facts: In 1986, the EPA found Ordod Landfill in violation of the Clean Water Act for discharging landfill leachate to the Lonfit River without a permit.

 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS**

The investigation into the nature and extent of contamination has demonstrated that no further Superfund actions are necessary at the Ordot Landfill site. The EPA has decided to pursue enforcement of appropriate landfill operation and management practices under the Clean Water Act.

 **POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES**

Potentially responsible parties (PRPs) refers to companies that are potentially responsible for generating, transporting, or disposing of the hazardous waste found at the site.

Online information about the PRPs for the site is not yet available.

 **SITE DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS**

Administrative Records: Online versions not yet available

Records of Decision: Online versions not yet available

 **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Public Meetings:

Newsletters and Fact Sheets: Online versions not yet available

 **SITE REPOSITORIES/LIBRARY SOURCES**



The public information repositories for the site are at the following locations:

Contact the Region 9 Superfund Community Relations Office.

The most complete collection of documents is the official EPA site file, maintained at the following location:

Superfund Records Center
Mail Stop SFD-7C
95 Hawthorne Street, Room 403
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 536-2000

Enter main lobby of 75 Hawthorne street, go to 4th floor of South Wing Annex.



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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

PACIFIC ISLAND(S): GU

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 01

EPA ORGANIZATION: SFD-8-3

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