

EDB INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
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BLACK HILLS SOUTH DAKOTA

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Brief:

Jim Emery, an individual outside the employ of the Forest Service, was selected to conduct the interviews. Emery retired as a member of senior management with the Black Hills Power and Light Company, the areas major utility. He served in the South Dakota State Legislature as a Senator from 1985 to 1996.

It was decided to investigate other areas of the Black Hills after an employee reported the dumping of EDB prior to the burial of containers at Nemo, SD. Subsequently, traces of EDB were found in private wells adjacent to the Nemo Work Center. Because of this problem, it was decided an investigation starting with personal interviews would be the next logical step in procuring information on EDB activities.

It was agreed the interviews would best be conducted on a one-to-one and/or face-to-face if possible. It was made very clear that the information being sought was an attempt to be pro-active and possibly eliminate problems in the future. No one was to be held accountable for past job activities.

A format was prepared to conduct the interview and focus on pertinent information related to pesticide activity. An attempt was made to make those interviewed feel they were to be a part of the solution if they had any recollections. A map was provided in the event a particular location was cited.

A list of 74 names were prepared by Supervisor's Office personnel to be interviewed and 64 of those listed were contacted directly. Those not contacted were unavailable for various reasons and some could be located at a later date. This original list was not to be considered all encompassing and during the course of interviews many additional names were mentioned (some more than once) and it was possible to locate and interview 22 of those. Some of those not contacted as yet may be desirable names to contact at a future date.

Findings:

The interviews revealed that three additional work centers besides Nemo had disposal on or near the Centers. There are buried containers near Hardy Work Center and near the storage sheds at Tepee. In addition, some type of containers were buried in mine shafts in the Rochford area, the Yellow Bird Mine and in an abandoned shaft on Castle Peak. The flattened barrels at Tepee protrude from the ground. First hand accounts were given by persons involved in these disposals.

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