

**Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility****Western Berks Refuse Authority**

Poplar Neck Road, RD #1  
Birdsboro, PA 19508  
Congressional District 6  
EPA ID #: PAD000443705  
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**Current Progress at the Site**

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This facility is one of EPA Region III's high priority RCRA corrective action sites.

The Western Berks Refuse Authority facility operates as a Municipal Waste Landfill. As such, it is routinely monitored by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). Several fill areas were capped, most recently in March 2002. PADEP is currently assessing the groundwater contamination to determine whether additional contamination abatement activities are necessary.

**Site Description**

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The Western Berks Refuse Authority landfill is located approximately 13 miles southeast of Reading, PA. The property includes over 200 acres and four disposal sites. Past disposal included hazardous waste, delisted waste and municipal waste. It currently accepts only municipal waste. The Schuylkill River surrounds the property on three sides: south, east and west.

**Site Responsibility**

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Remediation activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of the PADEP.

**Contaminants**

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Groundwater beneath the facility is contaminated with heavy metals and organic compounds. The former landfill areas have been closed. PADEP is evaluating the post-closure groundwater conditions to determine whether additional action is needed to reduce the contamination to acceptable levels.

**Institutional Controls**

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The facility is a permitted, active landfill. As such, current and future access will be restricted to required operation and maintenance activity. The facility is fenced to prevent unauthorized access. Groundwater use will be restricted to monitoring and maintenance activities.

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