



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

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EGLE Fact Sheet: Information about hazardous waste from the Ohio train derailment site

Two Michigan sites received and processed hazardous waste from the site of the train derailment in Ohio. The US Environmental Protection Agency is now overseeing all decisions related to transport and disposal of remaining hazardous waste

[Romulus Republic HW Injection Well](#)

[US Ecology Haz Waste Landfill](#) (also referred to as Wayne Disposal)

- Both facilities are licensed to dispose of hazardous waste and are regularly inspected by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
- The landfill and the injection well facilities regularly handle both Michigan and out-of-state hazardous waste
- Federal and state statutes require detailed manifests of deliveries be kept, but no requirement to notify state or local officials of individual shipments that arrive or are processed

- The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently in charge of all decisions on waste disposal from the Ohio site. Questions about volumes of hazardous materials disposed of, or to be disposed of, should be addressed to US EPA
- EGLE staff was made aware of the disposal of soils at the US Ecology site Thursday afternoon, Feb. 23. EGLE was made aware of the disposal of liquid hazardous waste late Friday afternoon, Feb. 24
- No waste from the Ohio site has been taken to Michigan since Friday

Romulus Republic injection well violation history

- The Romulus well is the only one in Michigan licensed for hazardous waste disposal
- It is jointly regulated by EGLE and US EPA
- Facility was found to be out of compliance based on 7/7/22 EGLE inspection that found issues including:
 - Inadequate waste identification and manifesting/labeling
 - Liquid containment modification without permit modification (there were no releases to the environment)
 - Facility inspection requirements not met
 - Improper tank system requirements
- There were no releases to the environment
- A follow up inspection on 10/3/22 determined these violations had been addressed
- As a result of the violations EGLE is developing an administrative consent order to determine penalties that may be imposed on the company.
- A 1/11/23 inspection identified hazardous waste violations related to container labeling and alarm system function. The container violations were addressed at the time of the inspection. The alarm issue has been resolved
- The facility is currently considered in compliance and able to process and dispose of hazardous waste

Wayne Disposal

- Wayne disposal has not had any violations since at least 2017.

Transportation of wastes:

- Michigan licenses all transporters hauling hazardous waste in the state, in conjunction with the Alliance for Uniform Hazmat Transportation Procedures.