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Environmental Improvement at Medora Landfill

Rumpke Successfully Moves Hazardous Waste Left by Previous Owner

MEDORA, Ind.—July 7, 2008— Rumpke has completed excavation of chrome plating sludge buried decades ago and contained the hazardous material in a Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU), a disposal area designed for such material.

Workers began moving chromium hydroxide sludge from an area labeled the “Gideon T” on June 11 to a CAMU, which meets Indiana’s Solid Waste Landfill requirements. The CAMU is lined with a geomembrane and clay composite system and will be continually monitored. Soil tests from June 27 confirmed the contaminated soil had been removed from the Gideon T site.

“Rumpke is proud to make this improvement at Medora Landfill after years of planning and financial investment,” said Landfill Manager Ralph Collins. “We were able to swiftly and safely contain the hazardous material to protect the environment.”

Chrome plating sludge from ITT Plastics was disposed of in an 11-acre, T-shaped area between 1971 and 1982. Gideon, Inc. owned the landfill at the time. Rumpke obtained a Hazardous Waste Corrective Action Management Permit from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for the project.

Chromium hydroxide is a listed hazardous material, although tests concluded levels present at the landfill did not pose a significant risk.

Acquired by Rumpke in 1983, Medora Landfill accepts residential and commercial municipal solid waste and construction demolition debris. The facility is regularly inspected by IDEM, Jackson County Health Department, Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Jackson County Solid Waste District and Rumpke.

Rumpke Consolidated Companies, Inc. is one of the nation's largest privately owned, residential and commercial waste and recycling firms. Rumpke provides service to areas of Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Other Rumpke divisions include Rumpke Recycling, Rumpke Portable Restrooms, The William-Thomas Group, Rumpke Hydraulics & Machining and Rumpke Ballpark. The Rumpke business began in 1932 and its corporate headquarters are located in Cincinnati.