

December 9, 2025

ELDY MILLER
CITY OF ELY
1570 ROWLEY ST
ELY IA 52227

JEFF NIEMEYER
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Re: Ely Jappa Road Dump (Schultz Dump) (295 Jappa Rd, Ely, IA 52227)
Iowa DNR Contaminated Sites Database ID No. [2867](#)
Limited Site Investigation Report – Initial Site Screening

Dear Mr. Miller and Mr. Niemeyer:

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Solid Waste and Contaminated Sites Section (DNR) received a Limited Site Investigation (LSI) report for a property on Jappa Road immediately north of Ely, Iowa, which was formerly utilized for unpermitted waste disposal. The report was completed and submitted to Iowa DNR Field Office 1 (Manchester) on your behalf by Terracon Consultants, Inc on October 16, 2025. DNR has reviewed the report in accordance with the Initial Site Screening Program.

The report details known history and recognized environmental conditions at the location, as well as soil samples collected to determine whether contaminants were present above state or federal action levels. The subject property was used for disposal of foundry sand, debris, and likely municipal solid wastes for many years. No groundwater was encountered in any of the boreholes, thus only soil samples from multiple depths were collected and analyzed. Soil was collected from the bottom of the deepest boreholes in lieu of groundwater. Contaminants reported in exceedance of statewide standards include arsenic and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

DNR agrees with the conclusion of the LSI report that arsenic levels found at the site do not likely exceed naturally-occurring background levels. No additional work is required, at this time, regarding arsenic in soil. DNR reported the PCB exceedances to Annah Murray, PCB Coordinator for EPA Region 7 on October 28, 2025 and additional investigation to define the area of PCB contaminants is necessary. EPA Region 7 will provide a toolkit for understanding how to define and handle PCB contaminated soil. PCBs will continue to be addressed through Extended Site Screening, as part of the Pre-CERCLA process, with Iowa DNR serving as lead agency.

Once the PCBs have been handled to the satisfaction of EPA Region 7, the site will be re-evaluated by DNR prior to determining next recommended steps under CERCLA or state authority.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of further assistance, please contact me at matthew.graesch@dnr.iowa.gov or by phone at [\(515\) 250-1923](tel:515-250-1923).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Graesch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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