

The following is a statement made on a BFI website teaching children about landfills. " A liner made from HDPE would have to be 60 mils thick, which equals a stack of 60 garbage bags. The construction cost can be as high as \$750,000 per acre." This is done because it is known that garbage leachate can kill. We spend a great deal of money to keep leachate out of any waterways around landfills and then we spread the same substances all over North American city streets and lanes.



January 2001 the above photograph was taken from my balcony. A close-up clearly shows what I'm referring to.

I am adding an article I found in 1999 that shows a program titled '*Trashnet* ', that took place in the eight North Eastern States and the District of Columbia. One of the most common problems that were found while investigating garbage trucks traveling through those communities was "leaky trash". I am adding this article for your information.

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MULTI-STATE CRACKDOWN DIGS UP TRASHY PERFORMANCE

"Trashnet" Finds Over 4,100 Violations in Three Days

Though garbage truck drivers knew what to expect and used citizens band radio to help each other avoid checkpoints, police, transportation, and environmental officials in eight states and the Nation's Capital managed to pull over more than 3,700 trash trucks in a coordinated, three-day effort. In addition to the medical waste discovered arriving at a Virginia landfill (see story, above) inspectors at highway roadblocks and disposal sites found more than 4,100 violations. The problems included overweight trucks, leaky trash and drivers who

needed sleep, according to Rick Morrison of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Delaware and the District of Columbia participated in the effort, dubbed "Trashnet," which lasted from February 8th to 10th.

"If we found these types of problems during a three-day spot check, what goes on the other 362 days of the year?" asked Bill Bolling, a Virginia legislator who has been supporting that state's efforts to limit trash imports.

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Fluids in garbage trucks and taken to the landfill are not cost effective so many garbage truck drivers have been draining the leachate that is created by the continual compacting function of the compactor garbage trucks. This means that some of the most potent fluid combinations do not even make it to the carefully lined landfills where the leachate can be collected and dealt with. We now have to address the cumulative affect of the release of garbage leachate poisons on to City streets and lanes in this manner since compactor garbage trucks first began to be used on the North American Continent in 1938.

The release of garbage leachate on to the streets and lanes of North American communities has become increasingly dangerous to the World as we create more and more chemical combinations. These chemical combinations in turn, wind up inside compactor garbage trucks, mixing with many other forms of chemical combinations, not meant to be combined. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leachate#>