

BRIEF MEMO SUMMARIZING MDEQ LANDFILL INSPECTION DATA  
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We are working to put all data into an Excel spreadsheet so we can tabulate data more easily.

To date we have probably inspected some 2,000 loads totaling close to 200,000 cubic yards of waste. By rough estimate 15% of these loads were from Canada, 30% from other states and 55% from Michigan.

Generally, we are not finding much "prohibited waste" except yard clippings, which have been in perhaps 1-2 % of incoming loads.

With regard to recyclables, we are finding significant amounts of corrugated cardboard being landfilled, with some loads being as much as 50% or more cardboard. As indicated in the Free Press article, Canadian waste generally has fewer recyclables.

[Access the May 15, Detroit Free Press article at:  
[http://www.freep.com/news/mich/trash15\\_20030515.htm](http://www.freep.com/news/mich/trash15_20030515.htm)]

The numbers on bottles and cans being disposed of is difficult to determine. Larry Bean, who is doing the inspections at Carleton Farms, has tried to put a percentage on loads. Other inspectors have not. My feeling from being along on two inspections in SW Michigan is that there are more bottles and cans coming in from other states than we have in Michigan loads, but that the amount is hard to quantify (at least by landfill inspections).

Besides yard clippings, the only questionable wastes that I have seen include an air conditioner and refrigerator rejected because of lack of freon removal, one used battery off a pick up truck, and some Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) associated with oil/gas activity rejected at the Waters Landfill.