



# Town monitoring wells in Acton in light of illegal dumping probe

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The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) has asked the Town of Halton Hills to monitor wells in the areas of six sites in rural Acton identified as possibly receiving contaminated fill with elevated levels of arsenic and lead.

The allegedly contaminated fill originated from street sweepings from Mississauga and thousands of loads were dumped in several Ontario communities between 2004-2011.

The Town of Halton Hills was made aware about a Ministry of the Environment

and Climate Change investigation into the illegal disposal of waste street sweepings at various sites including six in the rural area of Halton Hills, wrote the town in a release sent April 6.

The MOECC first raised concerns in 2012, which ultimately led to a testing and clean-up order from the ministry in November 2016. The ministry has accused Mississauga of inadequate testing the before shipping it out as fill. The city is currently appealing the order through a tribunal claiming no danger to residents or the environment.

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