

WHAT IS IN OUR WATER?

Over 500 billion pounds of hazardous chemical waste are improperly disposed of every year.

• Every day, 50 billion gallons of liquid hazardous waste are disposed at 26,000 disposal sites, 85% are located above aquifer. Some chemicals, such as TCE are too toxic, a single gallon can contaminate a years worth of drinking water for 3800 people.

• Every year, 100 billion gallons of liquid hazardous waste are absorbed into groundwater supplies.

• Of the 1,000 EPA Priority waste sites in the U.S., less than 20 have been cleaned up since the EPA's inception.

• Of the 700 chemicals that have already been found in drinking water, most water companies test for less than 30.

• This much we know... If we put toxic chemicals into or on the ground, they will eventually end up in the groundwater we drink.

