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I always thought that it meant that I was supposed to be there. But I recognized that Tabernacle was nearby. What ever, that's not the point of this article. I started writing it to ensure that the presence of this environmental toilet was at least familiar to the denizens, er, I mean citizens of Revelwood. First I refined my search to pinpoint the source or cause of the contamination that brought this to be.

It turns out that the owner of the property (*Ed. Note: See "Vern" in "Ask The Archivist" under Tales and Tunes on the Revelwood Web Site*), which is a piece of farm land in the area, leased land to a company for storage back in the 1970's. This company is the unscrupulous party. They proceeded to bury something on the order of 120 fifty-five gallon drums along with numerous smaller containers of materials, mostly thinners and solvents, on the leased property. On April 10, 1983, this whole hole was discovered by some intrepid investigators. How they actually discovered it is not part of the public record. Suffice to say that it was discovered.

Enter the EPA, thought of by some in the same way Jews think of the Inquisition. What followed was a series of feasibility studies and project coordination meetings, the likes of which Tabernacle had probably never witnessed prior. Predominant Deity (I'll allow you to chose) willing, it never will again. The result of these meetings was a Record Of Decision (ROD) issued on June 30, 1988. This is a very formally worded and thick document that the EPA produces to point the finger at the guilty party.

These ROD's generally include all the information gathered to date from the investigation including the names and addresses of all those involved, the nature of the contamination, the extent of the contamination, the concentration of the contamination, how contaminated the parties involved are, how many other parties may become contaminated, and what the total bar tab adds up to for all this contaminating.

I continued to delve into the government records and search for the ROD or at least the ROD Abstract to tell me the whole story or at least give me the Cliffs Notes. I never found it. I received a message that the page I was trying to reach was unavailable-available and due for servicing. Apparently the government periodically brings their documents in for oil changes and such. I had reached a dead end. Not to be deterred, I went out to lunch.

After lunch, I resumed the hunt for the elusive information I desired. I stalked it down the dusty halls of another virtual library. At last I found more information. The result of the ROD issued back in 1988 led to the next logical step in the process. Four years of litigation. I think you'll all agree with me when I say Yippee! From 1990 through 1994 the lawyers sucked all the money they could out of this project, and when it was dry, reached a settlement. The Federal Government in the form of the Superfund will pay for the clean up. I also discovered that the company (I don't know what the name is. They generally don't tell you this stuff unless you are directly involved with the property) responsible for the whole hole, got tired of waiting for the EPA Mandated Process to work its way through the steps. They went ahead and dug all the drums back up in 1984. They seem to have enjoyed themselves quite a bit doing this because they continued to dig up the soil that smelled like the drums and then went a little further just because. If someone hadn't showed up to stop them they might well be digging out the latrine for us right now (*Ed. Note: Too late!*). They also hired a bunch of geologists and engineers to help them design a way to get the crap they dropped back out of the soil and water. By the time the lawyers were done, these plucky engineers and geologists came up with a plan to get the whole place cleaned up. They liked this plan so much they gave it to the EPA-CERCLIS-TCRI/RARB which means (Deep Breath) Environmental Protection Agency/Comprehensive Environmental Resource Conservation Liability System/Technical

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