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# Epidemiologic Notes and Reports

# Morbidity Study at a Chemical Dump - New York

In June and August 1979, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) conducted industrial hygiene and engineering surveys and performed a cross-sectional medical study of 428 persons who lived or worked near the Hyde Park Landfill, a chemical disposal site just north of Niagara Falls, New York. Adjacent to the landfill are a metal-sand manufacturing plant employing 260 persons, a structural-steel fabricating shop employing 50 persons, and 2 small businesses. Bloody Run Creek flows north from the landfill, through a conduit under a shipping-drum manufacturing plant that employs 90 persons, through a residential neighborhood of about 50 persons, and, as an underground storm drain, along the edge of a private college that employs 90 maintenance workers.

The landfill was used from 1953 to 1975 by a chemical manufacturer as a disposal site for an estimated 80,200 tons of chemical waste, including many chlorinated hydrocarbons (1). Following numerous complaints of odors, skin irritation, and metal corrosion attributed to vapors, mist, and dust from the landfill, a compacted clay cover was installed over the landfill in 1978, and a drainage system, around the perimeter in 1979.

NIOSH investigators found lindane, mirex, and dioxins in parts per billion (ppb) levels in settled dust samples from rafters at all 3 companies, and all 3 substances were found in sediment from Bloody Run Creek.

The medical study included an interviewer-administered questionnaire composed of sections excerpted, without modification, from the Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (HANES), a nationwide health survey conducted from 1971 to 1973 by the National Center for Health Statistics (2); a limited physical examination focusing on skin, mucous membranes, thyroid, and blood pressure; a urine analysis; and blood tests for liver enzymes, hematologic parameters, creatinine, and, in a 20% sample of participants, lindane and mirex.

Of the 490 current employees of the 3 companies and the college (maintenance jobs), 290 (59%) participated. The 246 who were at least 25 years old were each matched by age, sex, race, income, and marital status with 2 employed persons from the HANES sample. Of 180 evaluated variables (reported health conditions, health risk factors, or laboratory results), 9 (5%) were statistically significant indicators of ill health (p<0.025, odds ratio >2.0) in the Hyde Park group: surgery for hiatus hernia (odds ratio 7.6), other abdominal surgery (4.6), loss of blood from stomach or bowels (5.6), hiatus hernia (4.5), benign tumor (3.4), frequent cough (3.7), use of skin medicine (2.6), skin moles (2.5), and leg pain (2.5).

Of 91 pregnancies in the Hyde Park group, 7 (8%) ended in miscarriage, compared

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with a rate of 14% in HANES. No participant had evidence of chloracne. Thyroid examinations detected 1 nodule, previously diagnosed as a "cold" nodule. Systolic and diastolic blood pressures were lower in the Hyde Park group than in the HANES matches. Compared with the HANES data, none of the 4 Hyde Park groups, individually or combined, had higher serum creatinine or liver enzyme levels, nor did they have lower hemoglobin, hematocrit, or red blood cell counts. None of the 55 participants who had blood lindane and mirex determinations had detectable levels of mirex; 2 employees of the shipping-drum plant and 1 from the college had 0.05 ppb of lindane.

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Editorial Note: This study was designed to provide a rapid assessment of the health status of people who lived or worked in the vicinity of the Hyde Park Landfill. While the cross-sectional prevalence approach is helpful in identifying existing disease, it is most useful when targeted at a specific health effect or the effects of a specific exposure rather than the more diffuse issue of intermittent, relatively low exposures to multiple toxic chemicals. Interpretation of this study is also limited by the low participation rate and the fact that a substantial portion of the sample population had not had a sufficient interval from first exposure for some health effects (e.g., cancer) to be manifest.

The reason for the relatively large odds ratio for hiatus hernia and related surgery is not apparent. Hiatus hernia is a common radiological finding (3), and unexplained gastro-intestinal symptoms might be attributed to it. Thus, this apparent excess might be indicative of an increased prevalence of general gastrointestinal symptoms. These symptoms and the increased prevalence of other conditions such as benign tumors and cough might be indicative of exposure to occupational agents or to environmental agents such as landfill material. However, no definite associations were determined.

Although the study showed no consistent patterns of health effects, the environmental findings should not be overlooked. There is no reasonable source, other than the landfill, for the mirex found in the buildings and in the sediment of Bloody Run Creek. This illustrates the major danger posed by chemical landfills: the release of chemicals into the surrounding environment, particularly into water sources and the food chain.

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# Campylobacter Sepsis Associated with "Nutritional Therapy" - California

Between January 1979 and March 1981, 10 patients were reported to the San Diego County Department of Health Services to have sepsis caused by *Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *fetus* (formerly known as *Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *intestinalis*). In the previous

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2 years, no infections caused by this organism had been reported. Nine of the 10 patients had been treated for severe underlying illness with "nutritional therapy" that had been administered in 1 of 2 clinics in the Tijuana area of Mexico; the 10th patient had treated himself at home with the same regimen recommended by the clinics.

Nine patients, who ranged in age from 32 to 75 years, had malignancies; the other Patient was a 13-year-old girl who had systemic lupus erythematosus. Five of the patients were from California, 4 were from other states, and 1 was from Canada; 7 were females. All had been admitted to San Diego area hospitals for evaluation and treatment after their clinical status had worsened markedly. Five patients were comatose, usually in association with severe hyponatremia (serum sodium as low as 102 mEq/L), and 6 were febrile. C. fetus subsp. fetus was isolated from blood cultures from 9 patients and from peritoneal fluid from 1 patient. One patient who had metastatic melanoma died within 1 week of the septic episode.

The only exposure common to these patients was having had nutritional therapy within the previous week. This treatment consisted of freshly prepared raw fruit, vegetable juices, and raw calf's liver taken orally; coffee enemas were given as an adjunct. The duration of treatment ranged from 5-14 days. Since the therapy was administered in Mexico, it was not possible to culture any ingredients or equipment. The number of patients who received this therapy is not known.

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Editorial Note: In contrast to *C. jejuni*, which is a common cause of diarrheal illness in previously healthy persons, *C. fetus* subsp. *fetus* is an infrequent cause of human infections, usually resulting in systemic illness, and usually affecting debilitated persons with chronic hepatic, renal, or neoplastic disease, or with compromised immune function (1). The genital and intestinal tracts of cattle and sheep are the major reservoirs for the organism (2); however, in 2 studies of patients infected with this organism, fewer than half had significant exposures to animals (1,3). Bacteremia, intravascular infections, meningitis, and abscesses have most frequently been reported; diarrheal symptoms may not be an important feature of the infection (1,3,4).

The fact that all 10 of these patients had histories of receiving nutritional therapy strongly suggests that 1 or more of the components of that therapy was the source of infection. Colonic enemas administered as part of nutritional therapy have been reported as sources of enteric pathogens (6). Because 1 of the known reservoirs for this organism is the intestinal tract of cattle, and there has been a report of an infection in a patient who had eaten raw calf's liver (5), liver is considered the most likely vehicle of infection in the situation reported here. Physicians should be aware of the possibility of Campylo-bacter sepsis among their patients who receive such nutritional therapy.

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## Diabetic Nephropathy — Georgia

Most cases of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) have been considered unpreventable. Approximately half of new ESRD cases are caused by hypertension and diabetes, diseases which are the targets of national disease-control programs. A small case-control study was conducted in Lowndes County (Valdosta area), Georgia, to ascertain possible risk factors in diabetics that might predispose persons to develop nephropathy and to determine those risk factors which could be targeted for control programs.

Each of 10 patients with diabetic nephropathy from the only dialysis unit in the area was matched with 3 controls from an internal medicine practice in the same area. Controls were matched to patients on the basis of age (±5 years) and duration of diabetes as closely as possible (±5 years for 26 controls, 6 years for 3 controls, and 7 for 1). Casecontrol, matched-pair analysis with variable matching ratio was used to test differences. Differences were expressed as odds ratios which approximate the relative risks for diseases of rare frequency, such as chronic renal failure.

In this study, the mean age of patients was 52.9 years and of controls, 54.2. The mean duration of diabetes was 17.4 years for patients and 15.5 for controls. For the factors not matched, 3 patients were white and 7 black, compared with 24 white controls and 6

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TABLE I. Summary — cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States

(Cumulative totals include revised and delayed reports through previous weeks.)

	24th W	EEK ENDING		CUMU	LATIVE, FIRST 2	4 WEEKS	
DISEASE	Juna 20 1981	June 14 1980	MEDIAN 1976-1980	June 20 1981	June 14 1980	MEDIAN 1976-1980	
Aseptic meningitis	139	101	86	1,721	1.512	1,014	
Brucellosis	7	2	2	70	77	77	
Chickenpox	5, 293	5, 889	4,687	153,670	139,888	139 .884	
Diphtheria	_	-	-	3	2	35	
Encephalitis: Primary (arthropod-borne & unspec.)	25	14	14	338	274	274	
Post-infectious .	1	9	7	42	94	97	
Hepatitis, Viral: Type B	419	437	301	8,946	7,613	6.945	
Type A	537	597	597	11,512	12,366	13,364	
Type unspecified	231	283	185	5,164	5,082	4,097	
Malaria	34	45	14	591	795	246	
Measles (rubeola)	34	521	1,120	2.137	10.761	19,755	
Meningococcal infections: Total	47	51	40	1,966	1,483	1,317	
Civilian	46	51	40	1,956	1,473	1,259	
Military	1			10	10	11	
Mumps	85	185	493	2.542	6,224	11,276	
Pertussis	19	30	29	459	498	498	
Rubella (German meesles)	29	109	359	1,406	2,674	9,511	
Tetanus	3	1	2	23	25	26	
Tuberculosis	599	586	620	12,330	12,059	13,074	
Tularemia		7	4	79	63	59	
Typhoid fever	17	5		217	161	161	
Typhus fever, tick-borne (Rky. Mt. spotted)	51	59	52	377	279	239	
Venereal diseases:							
Gonorrhea: Civilian	19,120	19, 833	19,451	444,778	432,053	432.053	
Military	386	424	430	13,152	12,380	12.388	
Syphilis, primary & secondary: Civilian	527	566	431	13,630	11,899	11,006	
Military	10	2	3	172	146	140	
Rabies in animals	1 20	136	75	3,310	3,114	1,361	

TABLE II. Notifiable diseases of low frequency. United States

	CUM. 1981	The state of the s	CUM, 1981
Anthrax	-	Poliomyelitis: Total	-
Botulism (Utah 1, Calif. 1)	29	Paralytic	-
Cholera	1	Psittacosis (Ohio 1, Calif. 1)	52
Congenital rubella syndrome		Rabies in man	1000000
Leprosy (N.J. 1, Mich. 1)	102	Trichinosis (Mass. 1, Conn. 2, N.J. 7)	90
Laptospirosis	17	Typhus fever, flea-borne (endemic, murine) (Kans. 1)	15
Plague	(No. 1997)		THE RESERVE

TABLE III. Cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending June 20, 1981 and June 14, 1980 (24th week)

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	1981	1981	1981	1981	CUM. 1981	1981	1980	1981	1981	1981	1981	1981	EU 19	
NITED STATES	139	7	5,293	1 - 1	3	25	14	1	419	537	231	34	59	
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NN: Not notifiable. NA: Not available

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TABLE III (Cont.'d). Cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending June 20, 1981 and June 14, 1980 (24th week)

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N.Y. City	1	49	913	2	42	69	3	51	-	2	46	1
N.J.	1	51	707	-	59	50	2	80	-		43	-
Pa.	_	314	1,026	-	60	44	18	197	-	-	4	-
E.N. CENTRAL	-	72	1,715	10	229	167	28	748	4	6	297	4
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Ind.	-	8	83	1	35	31	2	88	1	2	100	-
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NA: Not available.

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	1981	CUM. 1981	CUM. 1981	1981	CUM. 1981	1981	CUM. 1981	1981	CUM. 1981	CUM. 1980	1981	CUM. 1981	CUM. 1980	CUM 1981
UNITED STATES	599	12,330	79	17	217	51	377	19,120	444,778	432.053	527	13,630	11,899	3, 3
NEW ENGLAND	16	337	1	_	12	1	5	543	11,015	11.103	14	300	252	
Maine	-	23	-	-	1	-	-	20	556	662	1	2	4	
N.H.	NA	9	-	NA	-	NA	-	NA	368	364	NA	10	1	
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V.Y. City	26	767	10	ī	22		2	NA.	20,554	18,435	60	1.262	1, 129	
V.J.	13	423		2	7	1	2	292	10.132	8,590	10	272	218	
Pa.	6	428	-		4	-	2	591	11.691	11,360	21	347	225	
E.N. CENTRAL	82	1,657	1	-	14	3	10	2,652	67,268	67,093	16	852	1,128	4
Ohio	17	312	-	-	1	3	8	1,289	24,551	18,226	9	128	177	
nd.	-	148	-	-	-	-	2	145	6.386	6,378	2	100	91	
II.	43	685	-	-	6	-	-	364	15.905	20,909	-	411	636	3
Aich.	14	429	1	-	5	-		539	14,396	15,019	4	166	179	
Vis.	8	83	-	-	2	-	-	315	6,030	6,561	1	47	45	
N. CENTRAL	31	445	5	1	8	1	. 7	1.048	21.350	18,715	9	261	144	
linn.	11	72	-	-	2	-	-	117	3.397	3,208	2	97	54	
owa	2	49	-	-	2	-		225	2,295	2.132	-	13	8	
lo.	7	188	4	-	1	1	3	593	9,863	7,724	7	128	68	
l. Dak.	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	18	306	277	-	4	1	
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el.	5	40	î	-	32	31	220	44	1,614	1,469	1,74	7	7	
ld.	11	278		2	10	6	28	238	11,577	10,812	9	279	195	
.C.	ii	164	_	-	1			275	6,935	7,497	7	303	193	
a.	31	281		_	î	5	29	494	10.086	9,151	13	339	251	
/. Va.	2	86	_	_	- 4	_	3	46	1,638	1,381		9	12	
I.C.	16	470	1	-	1	20	79	540	16.970	15,671	18	28 4	210	
.C.	_	275	2	-	-	5	54	357	10,240	10,129	6	247	147	
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la.	53	740	-	3	13	1	6	1,408	28,044	29.873	52	1,226	963	
S. CENTRAL	78	1,077	2	_	5	1	40	1,789	37.273	35,233	25	895	961	
γ.	28	291	2	_	-	-	2	312	4,773	5,186	-	4 3	71	
enn.	28	358	-	_	1	1	29	850	14,136	12,483	5	355	392	
la.	14	290	-	-	2	-	2	296	11.455	10,359	10	243	197	
iss.	8	138	-	-	2	-	7	331	6,909	7,205	10	254	301	
S. CENTRAL	62	1.347	37	-	18	5	80	2,817	59.235	56,297	120	3, 297	2.300	×
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yo.	-	5	1	-	-	-	2	13	400	483	1	6	7	
olo.	-	41	2	1	4	-		180	4,729	4,429	4	106	73	
Mex.	1	66	1	-	-	-	-	87	1.923	2.079	4	71	50	
riz,	7	148	-	-	9	-	-	259	5,608	4,434	-	69	93	
tah ≧v.		17 37	1		_	4	ī	18 192	822 2,906	778 2,925	5	67	7 38	
·v.	-	31	•	-	-	- 7	•	172	21900	2,925	,	61	38	
	100	2,373	3	7	72	-	1	3,686	70.108	74,581	69	1.975	2.312	
ash.	9	189	1	2	5	10		264	5.711	6,025	-	66	114	
reg.	1	88	-	-	3	-	-	227	4,509	5,167	-	45	52	
alif.	89	1,997	2	5	64	-	1	3.066	56.747	60.057	69	1,823	2,055	
aska Iwaii	1	34 65	-	-		-	-	69 60	1,773	1.780		5 36	3 88	
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uam	N A	7	-	NA	-	NA	-	NA	47	62	NA		3	
R.	-	149	-	-	3	-	-	55	1,530	1,232	7	315	250	
.l.	NA	1		NA	ı	NA		NA NA	57 134	102	NA	3	10	
c. Trust Terr.	N.A	23		NA	-	N.				193	NA			

NA: Not available.
All delayed reports and corrections will be included in the following week's cumulative totals.

#### TABLE IV. Deaths in 121 U.S. cities,\* week ending June 20, 1981 (24th week)

	_	ALL CA	USES, BY	AGE (YE	ARS)			100		ALL CAL	USES, BY A	AGE (YE	ARS)		
REPORTING AREA	ALL AGES	>65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1	P&I** TOTAL	REPORTING AREA	ALL AGES	>65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1	P& TO1
NEW ENGLAND	610	400	150	31	10	19	50	S. ATLANTIC	1, 174	683	325	81	35	49	4
Boston, Mass.	142	83	41	6	4	8	19	Atlanta, Ga.	144	80	38	11	7	8	3
Bridgeport, Conn.	50	37	9	2	-	2	7	Baltimore, Md.	224	137	62	12	6	7	
Cambridge, Mass	19	11	7	1			2	Charlotte, N.C. Jacksonville, Fla.	60 88	35 49	20 25	10	1	1	
Fall River, Mass. Hartford, Conn.	64	25 37	19	-	1	1	3	Miami, Fla.	121	69	32	11	-	9	
Lowell, Mass.	33	26	- 13	i		_	2	Norfolk, Va.	46	18	15	5	4	4	
vnn. Mass.	16	13	2	i	_	_	ī	Richmond, Va.	78	50	19	6	1	2	
New Bedford, Mass	23	17	4	1	-	1	- 4	Savannah, Ga.	39	23	10	4	1	1	•
New Haven, Conn.		22	10	3	2	2	2	St. Petersburg, Fla.	103	87	13	1	1	1	1
rovidence, R.I.	49	32	12	3	2	-	3	Tampa, Fla.	64	38	18	. 3	1	4	ŀ.
Somerville, Mass. Springfield, Mass.	13	11 27	13	1	-	-	2	Washington, D.C. Wilmington, Del.	160 47	74 23	56 17	15 1	7	3	
Naterbury, Conn.	26	21	5			4	1	Wilmington, Del.	7,	23			,	•	
Vorcester, Mass.	53	38	12	2	_	1	4								
rorocator, mass.			•-	-		-		E.S. CENTRAL	633	363	178	47	29	16	1
								Birmingham, Ala.	113	63	30	12	4	4	
IID. ATLANTIC	2, 500	1. 591	567	208	72	62	85	Chattanooga, Tenn.	68	43	15	4	4	2	
Ubany, N.Y.	51	29	13	4	3	2	1	Knoxville, Tenn.	49	29	13	4	2	1	
Mientown, Pa.	20	14	6	-	-	-		Louisville, Ky.	87	48	26	5	2	6	
Suffalo, N.Y.	150	101	31	B	4	6	8	Memphis, Tenn.	116	73	34	7	1	1	
Camden, N.J. Elizabeth, N.J.	43 21	25 13	11	2	1	2	2	Mobile, Ala.	35	34 13	12 16	5	-	1	
rie, Pa.†	29	20	- 5	2	- 2 -	2	1	Montgomery, Ala. Nashville, Tenn.	106	60	32	5	8	i	
ersey City, N.J.	45	26	12	7		_	_	INGSTIVING, TODIC.	100	- 00					
I.Y. City, N.Y.	1.282	819	284	121	40	18	37								
lewark, N.J.	46	21	12	6	6	1	2	W.S. CENTRAL	1, 232	687	330	104	69	42	4
aterson, N.J.	37	14	7	5	1	10	1	Austin, Tex.	64	40	17	6	1	-	
hiladelphia, Pa.	304	180	84	21	12	7	13	Baton Rouge, La.	27	13	12	1	1	-	
ttsburgh, Pa. 1	74	49	15	5	1	4	3	Corpus Christi, Tex.	57	31	16	4	4	2	
eading, Pa. ochester, N.Y.	40	29	10	1	=	-	1	Dallas, Tex.	187	101	53	18	10	5	
chanectady, N.Y.	117	80 18	24	3	3	1	8	El Paso, Tex.	51 78	29 51	11 20	8 2	2	1	
cranton, Pa.†	33	29	1	2	1	1	2	Fort Worth, Tex.	254	129	74	28	16	7	
yracuse, N.Y.	98	67	20	3		à	3	Houston, Tex. Little Rock, Ark.	67	39	17	4	5	ż	
renton, N.J.	27	15	8	4	_	_	ī	New Orleans, La.	143	75	41	14	7	6	
rtica, N.Y.	25	19	6	_	-	-	-	San Antonio, Tex.	167	101	36	9	12	9	
onkers, N.Y.	31	23	7	1	-	-	1	Shreveport, La. Tulsa, Okla.	41 96	26 52	27	5	7	5	
N. CENTRAL	2, 153	1, 342	526	133	76	76	57	112							
kron, Ohio	53	31	12	3	2	5	-	MOUNTAIN	614	323	149	75	44	23	2
anton, Ohio	40	23	14	3	_	_	5	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	83	33	16	20	14	-	
hicago, III.	493	293	120	32	31	17	7	Colo. Springs, Colo.	31	20	7	3	1	-	
incinnati, Ohio	156	97	41	11	3	4	16	Denver, Colo.	128	51	42	22	9	4	
leveland, Ohio	174	96	51	11	6	10	2	Las Vegas, Nev.	64	29	19	10	4	2	
olumbus, Ohio	135	88 65	32 36	8	3	4	3 2	Ogden, Utah	23 131	19 73	28	11	1 10	9	
ayton, Ohio etroit, Mich.	242	138	59	27	ā	10	2	Phoenix, Ariz. Pueblo, Colo.	20	13	4	2	10	-	
vansville, Ind.	44	28	14	i	i	-	3	Salt Lake City, Utah	47	30	à	2	2	5	
ort Wayne, Ind.	39	30	9	_	_	_	1	Tucson, Ariz.	87	55	23	4	2	3	
ary, Ind.	15	9	2	1	2	1	-								
rand Rapids, Mic	h 53	36	10	3	1	3									
ndianapolis, Ind.	152	103	33	11	2	3	1	PACIFIC	1.695	1.111	370	104	50	59	7
ladison, Wis.	125	21	29	2	2	1 5	2	Berkeley, Calif.	31 71	19 50	11	3	1	1	
lilwaukee, Wis. soria, III.	40	82 28	- 6	2	2	4	5	Fresno, Calif.	38	28	- 11	- 7	-	1	
ockford, III.	34	26	7		1		3	Glendale, Calif. Honolulu, Hawaii	54	31	15	6		2	
outh Bend, Ind.	40	30	ġ	1		_	2	Long Beach, Calif.	84	63	15	3	1	2	
oledo, Ohio	109	70	24	4	4	7	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	472	294	106	41	14	16	1
oungstown, Ohio	66	48	12	3	1	2	-	Oakland, Calif. §	86	55	18	6	4	3	
								Pasadena, Calif.	22	19	2	-	-	1	
	51						77	Portland, Oreg.	116	80	22	4	6	4	
N. CENTRAL	718	479	140	40	25	34	26	Sacramento, Calif.	61	46	10	1	2	2	
es Moines, Iowa	56 25	40	13	2	1	-	11 22	San Diego, Calif.	129	84	31	8	4	2	
uluth, Minn. ansas City, Kans.	39	19 22	2	2	2		4	San Francisco, Calif.	157 153	109	42	6	3	6	1
ansas City, Mo.	105	65	23	7	3	5	3	San Jose, Calif. Seattle, Wash.	123	73	32	6	4	8	
incoln, Nebr.	31	26	4		1	2	2	Spokane, Wash.	46	30	10	2	ž	2	
linneapolis, Minn.		59	17	8	4	7	-	Tacoma, Wash.	52	36	11	•	ī	1	
maha, Nebr.	84	52	17	6	3	6	_	· wecome, etasti.			Fig.			_	
t. Lauis, Ma.	167	115	32	8	4	8	12		14						124
t. Paul, Minn.	61	47	11	2	-	1	2	TOTAL	11.329T	6,979	2,735	823	410	380	41
	55	34	15	1	2	3	3								

<sup>\*</sup>Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 121 cities in the United States, most of which have populations of 100,000 or more. A death is reported by the place of its occurrence and by the week that the death certificate was filed. Fetal deaths are not included.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Pneumonia and influenza

t Because of changes in reporting methods in these 3 Pennsylvania cities, these numbers are partial counts for the current week. Complete counts will be available in 4 to 6 weeks.

<sup>11</sup> Total includes unknown ages.

<sup>\$</sup>Data not available this week. Figures are estimates based on average percent of regional totals.

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black (odds ratio = 12.5, p = 0.002). Nine patients were female and 1 was male, compared with 14 female controls and 16 male (odds ratio not calculable, p = 0.08). Seven of 10 patients and 9 of 30 controls lived outside Valdosta (odds ratio = 5.45, p = 0.014).

Social class was assessed by the Hollingshead Index (1) on a scale of 1 (high) to 5 (low) according to the number of years of formal education and the head of household's occupation. Data were obtainable for both of these factors on only 7 patients, all of whom were in social classes 4 and 5. Eleven of the 25 controls were also in social classes 4 and 5 (odds ratio not calculable, p = 0.013). Other disease complications were noted based on the physician's documentation of their presence. Neuropathy was more common for patients (odds ratio not calculable, p = 0.006), as were amputations (odds ratio = 6, p = 0.048) and myocardial infarctions (odds ratio = 7.13, p = 0.026). The prevalence rates of smoking and retinopathy did not differ significantly. Hypertension was more common among patients (odds ratio = 2.14), but not at a statistically significant level. Information to judge the adequacy of hypertension and diabetes control over the years was not available. No ESRD patient had onset of diabetes before age 20, and only 4 of the 10 had onset before age 30.

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Editorial Note: This epidemiologic, community-based study represents a new, potentially useful approach to the understanding of diabetic nephropathy. Although careful interpretation is necessary in a preliminary and limited study such as this, several factors are striking. Blacks and females appear to be at high risk of developing diabetic nephropathy. ESRD patients were more commonly from lower social classes and lived in rural areas. Hypertension and smoking did not appear to be significant factors, but, because of the small number of cases, these factors should not be eliminated from further consideration. It was not possible to determine absolute insulin dependence, but in this population it appears that persons with onset after age 20 have a high risk of renal failure; diabetic nephropathy has been reported most commonly in association with type 1 (juvenile-onset) diabetics (2).

The results of this study need to be validated in larger community-based studies. If these risk factors are borne out in larger study groups, identified high-risk groups should be targeted for special consideration for prevention of diabetic nephropathy.

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# **Current Trends**

## Urban Rat Control - United States

During the second quarter of fiscal year 1981, urban rat-control programs in 60 communities identified 1,025 environmentally improved blocks (EIBs) (Table 1). The programs also achieved maintenance status in 1,428 blocks. As of March 31, services had been provided in a total of 59,391 blocks. Of these, 38,865 are now sustained locally as EIBs, with 20,526 remaining in project target areas. Over 7 million people

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now live in areas that are rat free and environmentally improved as a result of these programs.

The goal of each urban rat-control program is to reduce rat infestations and environmental deficiencies to a level at which they no longer constitute a major problem in the community. To date, this goal has been accomplished in 36 communities, including 3 in this quarter.

Reported by the Environmental Health Services Div, Center for Environmental Health, CDC.

TABLE 1. Status of target-area blocks in Urban Rat-Control Programs, 2nd quarter fiscal year 1981 (January 1-March 31)

		Tar	Environmentally improved blocks*				
Program community	en en	In attack	In mainten	ance phase	New this	er agains	
	Total <sup>†</sup>	phase	<12 months	≥12 months	quarter	Cumulative	
REGION I	935	700	189	46	0	1,12	
Bridgeport	220	215	5	0	0	157 July 20	
Hartford	314	219	83	12	0	31:	
Boston	401	266	101	34	0	20	
Previously funded programs						780	
REGION II	3,792	1,390	946	1.085	108	4.78	
Atlantic City	202	20		0	ا ا	4,70	
Camden	242	101	50	91	ŏ	109	
Jersey City	240	91	60	89	o o	203	
Newark	219	16		73	ŏ	20.	
New York City	1.376	547		453	Ĭŏ	97	
Rochester	158	63		65	45	412	
Yonkers	40	6		20	43	109	
Aquadilla	140	83		31	63	22	
Arecibo	157	69		23		23	
Guayama	216	146		0	0		
	187	137		19	ő	00	
Mayagüez	257	57				20	
Ponce	358	54	51	76	0	34	
San Juan	356	54	51	145	0	309	
Previously funded programs						1,65	
REGION III	3,399	1,307	1,387	489	246	7,556	
"War on Rats"	1,044	458	357	48	101	1,193	
Baltimore	368	138	139	91	0	306	
Chester	181	64	65	17	21	116	
N.E. Pa. V.C. Assn.‡	281	39	88	154	7	1,189	
Philadelphia	1,067	407	601	59	12	1,513	
Pittsburgh	389	132	137	120	61	1,336	
Norfolk	69	69	0	0	44	1,381	
Previously funded programs				'		522	
REGION IV	4,450	1.888	2.052	269	281	7,258	
Mobile	123	38	79	6	218	617	
Tuscaloosa	344	138	158	48	- 0	017	
Miami	1,315	621	603	91	63	1.020	
Pensacola	503	235	268	Ö	0	86	
Atlanta, Ga.§	721	316	151	13	Ö	00	
DeKalb Co., Ga.	335	149	167	19	ő	405	
Lexington	317	37	220	60	0	400	
Louisville	512	188	292	32	0	738	
Memphis	280	166	114	0	0	534	
Previously funded programs	200	100	AL TOUR	U.	U	3,858	

## Urban Rat Control - Continued

TABLE 1. Status of target-area blocks in Urban Rat-Control Programs, 2nd quarter fiscal year 1981 (January 1-March 31) - Continued

		Tar	get-area bloci	ks	Environmentally Improved blocks*			
Program community	+	In attack	in mainten	ance phase	New this			
	Total <sup>†</sup>	phase	<12 months	≥12 months		Cumulative		
REGION V	4,967	1,991	1,733	218	112	5,009		
Chicago	490	228	250	12	0	10		
Peoria	324	50	195	79	0	C		
Indianapolis	351	287	64	0	0	417		
Benton Harbor	119	22	97	0	71	71		
Detroit	934			0	0	706		
Highland Park	220			22	0			
Saginaw	333			50	0			
Washtenaw CoYpsilanti	263			Õ	0			
Wayne CoEcorse	193			ŏ	lŏ			
Akron	254			ŏ	Ö			
Barberton	198			3	l ŏ			
Cincinnati	149			5	19			
Cleveland				4	15			
	329			43				
Columbus	282	101	138	· -	0			
Toledo	173			0	7			
Youngstown	220		113	0	0			
Milwaukee	135	125	10	0	0			
Previously funded programs						1,767		
REGION VI	1.594	549	618	305	0	6,688		
Little Rock	402	139	214	49	0	(		
Pine Bluff	218			0	0	190		
New Orleans	470			215	0	2,970		
Houston	504	172		41	Ö			
Previously funded programs	004		, , ,			1.258		
			070	105	040	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
REGION VII	830	90			243			
Kansas City, Kan.	8	0		6	46			
Kansas City, Mo.	154	12		8	64			
St. Louis	321	8	148	8	94			
Omaha	347	70	194	83	39			
Previously funded programs						396		
REGION IX	559	165	357	37	35	1.577		
Los Angeles	246	15		0	15			
Oakland	205	125		13	l o			
San Francisco	108	25	59	24	20			
Previously funded programs	1 .50					671		
	1							
REGION X Previously funded programs	11 2					830		
TOTAL	00.500	0.000	7.000	0.554	1.005			
TOTAL	20,526	8,080	7,660	2,554	1,025	38,865		

<sup>\*</sup> Contiguous blocks where maintenance has been achieved and sustained for a minimum of 12 months. These blocks are no longer part of the approved project target area.
† Includes blocks in pre-attack phase.
‡Northeastern Pennsylvania Vector Control Association. Serves Lackawanna and Luzerne counties and the cities of Nanticoke, Wilkes-Barre, and Hazleton.

<sup>§</sup> Target-area blocks are confined to public housing projects.

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- p253. In the article "Risk-Factor-Prevalence Survey Utah," in the list of references at the end of the article, the following references pertaining to the survey instrument and conduct of the survey should be added:
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