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# State Cites Opposition, Conceals Landfill Site

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The state Environmental Facilities Corp. has pinpointed a site that might replace Pittsford and Ogden as Rochester's garbage dumps, a top aide to Gov. Rockefeller disclosed Friday.

Dr. T. Norman Hurd, director of state operations, said the state agency will report to him early next week on the alternate site's suitability and capacity to replace either or both of the Pittsford and Ogden landfill sites.

Hurd said he knew the site but refused to name it.

"I can't see that the public interest would be served by revealing a site being considered," Hurd said.

Revealing its location, he said, would give area residents "a week to build up community opposition and would be tragic for the City of Rochester.

"If it proves to be a more suitable site and could be done without interfering with community life," Hurd said, "we want to give it careful consideration."

Arthur K. Handley, vice

president of the Environmental Facilities Corp., denied that his agency had chosen an alternate site or was preparing a report for Hurd.

"We're proceeding with Pittsford and Ogden," Handley said.

His agency, he said, is considering about a half dozen "contingency" sites in case the Pittsford and Ogden landfills aren't operating by June 1, when Rochester City Manager Kermit E. Hill said he will close the city's Emerson Street dump.

The environmental agency is under contract with the city to operate landfills to dispose of the city's refuse after the dump is closed.

The choice of Ogden and Pittsford as landfill sites has aroused vocal opposition led by those who claim operation of landfills will pollute those areas.

Handley has said his agency will not operate landfills if tests reveal an area would be polluted, but irate citizens have blocked the proposer landfill sites and refused to let the agency perform tests.

Hurd said he expects the report early next week so he can

make recommendations to the governor on the Monroe County landfill situation by the end of the week.

The other sites named in that report were:

- A landfill owned and operated by the town of Brighton just north of Browncroft Boulevard, adjacent to Irondequoit Creek in Brighton.

- The privately owned and operated Monroe-Livingston landfill in the town of Caledonia, Livingston County.

- A privately owned and operated landfill located in the towns of Kendall and Murray, Orleans County

- An inoperative 90-acre gravel pit between the Penn Central railroad and Route 490 with access from Commercial Street, Pittsford.

- An operative 32-acre gravel pit between Macedon Center and Budlong roads, Perinton.

- An operating 65-acre gravel pit at Lyell and Manitou roads, Gates.

- An operative 200-acre gravel pit at Ridge Road between Hinkleyville and Trimmer roads, Parma.