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That report recommended the excavation of an area where a partially buried but empty 55gallon drum was discovered to determine whether more drums or hazardous materials are present

The third report, which will cover areas where possible chemical disposal occurred in the late 1960s and early 70s, will be completed later this month. Wiley said.

University Vice President Dan Williams announced last fall that Squier had been hired to investigate the dumping, which was done before state and federal law prohibited such disposal.

Williams, who had known about the dumping for four years, has been highly criticized for not disclosing the possible presence of hazardous wastes when it was first discovered.

Squier, in its initial investi-

gation of the petroleum storage tanks, could not discover whether the tanks were above ground or buried, and if they were buried whether they were removed.

The report suggested the University resolve the uncertainty surrounding the tanks by conducting a further study.

In addition, Squier consultants recommended the University scrutinize soil investigations of two adjacent properties—one owned by EWEB and the other by the city of Eugene.

A petroleum odor was detected while taking boring samples at 933 Franklin Blvd. during a soil assessment for the city. On the EWEB property, creosote was found four feet beneath the surface.

"(Squier) recommended we watch and look at what type of tests are being done," Wiley said. The University should be on the alert for any discolored soil or petroleum odors as further results form the areas are released, she said.



Riverside reader

Joe Cassidy, a registered nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital, reads near the Autzen Footbridge by the Willamette River. Cassidy said he likes to read here before going into work

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