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Fighting Contamination in a Chicago Neighborhood

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Playing in Contamination

When my children were little, they played in the alley behind our house. The alley was wet and moldy. When it rained, the dirty moldy water came into the garage and yard. Sometimes it came into the basement. The kids were playing in god-knows-what contamination.

The children got rashes. The rashes were so bad. Sometimes the children looked like they had cigarette burns on their legs. Other parents had the same problem with their children. But there was no where else to play. All the parents took their kids to the doctor. But the doctor didn't know where the rashes came from. We didn't know what to do, so we didn't do anything.

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