

NPL Site Narrative for Northside Sanitary Landfill, Inc.

NORTHSIDE SANITARY LANDFILL, INC. Zionsville, Indiana

Conditions at listing (September 1983): The Northside Sanitary Landfill, Inc., Site covers 131 acres in Zionsville, Indiana. Over 16 million gallons of hazardous wastes have been deposited in the landfill. It opened in the 1950s as an open dump, and was permitted by the State in 1971 to accept hazardous wastes.

EPA (under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act) and the State have responded to complaints about the site. In response, the owner installed a leachate collection system, but leachate is still not totally contained. Analyses of surface water and soil by the State detected organic chemicals, including benzene, acetone, xylene, phenol, and chloroform, as well as lead. If the leachate collection system is not pumped out properly, it can overflow into ground water. The clay liner of the landfill may not be continuous, thus threatening ground water. About 1,750 residents within 3 miles of the site use wells for drinking water.

In June 1983, the State ordered the site to close. The corporation has appealed the action.

Status (June 1984): EPA has started a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and to identify alternatives for remedial action.

Administrative hearings are underway regarding the State's closure order.

For more information about the hazardous substances identified in this narrative summary, including general information regarding the effects of exposure to these substances on human health, please see the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) ToxFAQs. ATSDR ToxFAQs can be found on the Internet at [ATSDR - ToxFAQs](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp>) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.