

NPL Site Narrative for NL Industries

NL INDUSTRIES

Pedricktown, New Jersey

Conditions at listing (December 1982): The NL Industries landfill covers 14 acres in a rural area in Pedricktown, Salem County, New Jersey. The company recovers lead from spent automotive batteries and separates the plastic from the rubber casings. After the rubber and plastic are separated, the plastic is reprocessed and the rubber is placed in the landfill, which is lined but not capped.

As a result of improper storage of batteries on the site and other factors relating to their processing, ground water, surface water, and soils are extensively contaminated with various heavy metals. Also on-site is a marsh area (which is heavily contaminated with lead) and Oldmans Creek, a tributary to the Delaware River.

Status (July 1983): The State is pursuing cleanup through enforcement action.

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