

NPL Site Narrative for NL Industries/ Taracorp/Golden Auto

NL INDUSTRIES/TARACORP/GOLDEN AUTO St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Conditions at listing (October 1981): National Lead (NL) Industries, Inc., operated a secondary lead smelter on about 10 acres in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, from the 1930s to August 1979. NL sold a portion of the site to Golden Auto Parts, Inc., in the early 1960s and the remainder to Taracorp, Inc., in August 1979. Large amounts of lead slag from the plant's early operations were buried in a part of the site later occupied by Golden Auto Parts. Starting in June 1979, air monitoring conducted by the State revealed that lead standards were frequently violated when the plant was in operation.

Status (July 1983): In May 1982, Taracorp notified the State that it was permanently closing the smelter. NL, Taracorp, and Golden Auto Parts are conducting investigations at the site to assess the impact of the buried slag and lead emissions on area soils, surface water, and ground water.

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.