

# NPL Site Narrative for Whiteford Sales & Service Inc./NationalLease

## WHITEFORD SALES & SERVICE INC./NATIONALELEASE South Bend, Indiana

**Conditions at proposal (June 24, 1988):** The Whiteford Sales and Service Inc./NationalLease Site covers approximately 7 acres on Sample Street in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. The site operated as Whiteford Sales and Service during 1960-83 and as NationalLease during 1983-87. Both companies leased trucks and semitrailers. Currently, the operation is known as Whiteford-Kenworth, Inc.

Approximately 396,000 gallons of degreasing solvents and sludge resulting from cleaning of the trucks and semitrailers were deposited into three unlined dry wells, each 4 feet in diameter and 6 feet deep. Tests conducted by St. Joseph County in May 1985 found that on-site soil is contaminated with inorganic and organic compounds, including lead, arsenic, ethylbenzene, and toluene. Soil on the site is permeable, facilitating the movement of contaminants into ground water. Approximately 237,000 people draw drinking water from public wells within 3 miles of the site. The nearest well is about 900 feet from the site.

**Status (August 30, 1990):** On June 19, 1987, Whiteford and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management signed a Consent Decree requiring Whiteford to remove 4 feet of soil in all directions from around the dry wells. Whiteford has not met this requirement. In June 1990, EPA is to start a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

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/toxfaq/index.asp) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq/index.asp>) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.