

# NPL Site Narrative for Newsom Brothers/ Old Reichhold Chemicals, Inc.

## NEWSOM BROTHERS/OLD REICHOLD CHEMICALS, INC. Columbia, Mississippi

**Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984):** The Newsom Brothers/Old Reichhold Chemicals, Inc., Site covers 80 acres in Columbia, Marion County, Mississippi. Since the 1940s, the site has been used by several owners, including the present owner, Newsom Brothers, and a former owner/operator, Reichhold Chemicals, Inc., for the manufacture of naval stores.

In March 1984, EPA used \$160,000 in CERCLA emergency funds to remove approximately 500 drums of chemical wastes. EPA's analyses of the drums detected elevated levels of phenols and chromium. An unknown number of buried drums remain on the site. On-site soil is contaminated with organic chemicals. To date, private wells in the immediate area are not contaminated.

Columbia's wells, which supply water to 11,500 people, are located approximately 1,250 feet from the site and are less than 100 feet deep.

**Status (June 10, 1986):** EPA has completed a search for parties potentially responsible for wastes associated with the site, identifying Newsom Brothers and Reichhold Chemicals, Inc. Both declined to take part in a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

In November 1985, EPA obligated funds for the U.S. Corps of Engineers to select a contractor to perform the RI/FS.

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.