

# NPL Site Narrative for Baxter/Union Pacific Tie Treating

## BAXTER/UNION PACIFIC TIE TREATING Laramie, Wyoming

**Conditions at listing (December 1982):** The Baxter/Union Pacific Tie Treating Facility covers 100 acres just southwest of Laramie, Wyoming. It has been operating since the 1880s. The site includes unlined surface impoundments that contain approximately 1 million cubic feet of waste. Pollutants, including pentachlorophenol, benzene, naphthalene, toluene, and phenol, have migrated from the ponds, contaminating the shallow ground water beneath the site and the Laramie River.

**Status (July 1983):** The State and both companies agreed to conduct investigations to define the contamination problem. The work is scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter of 1983.

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.