



## Arsenic Trioxide Superfund Site : Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Nation

### Case Study: Tribe Information

- The Arsenic Trioxide Superfund Site is located in Southeast North Dakota on the Lake Traverse Reservation. Heavy pesticide use was done on the northern ancestral lands of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Nation. The community traditionally uses lands & wetland areas for subsistence, cultural & ceremonial practices.

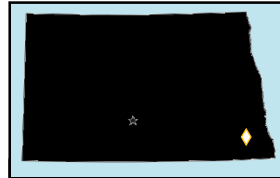
### EPA NPL Status Information

- Recent Site History: Heavy grasshopper infestations in the 1930s resulted in large and repeated applications of arsenic-based poisons such as arsenic trioxide. Dated or excess poisons were often buried near shallow aquifers, left unmarked in outbuildings, hauled to open dumps, or thrown onto agriculturally unproductive lands.
- Response activities: The site was listed on the NPL in 1983 and deleted in 1996.

### Map Key

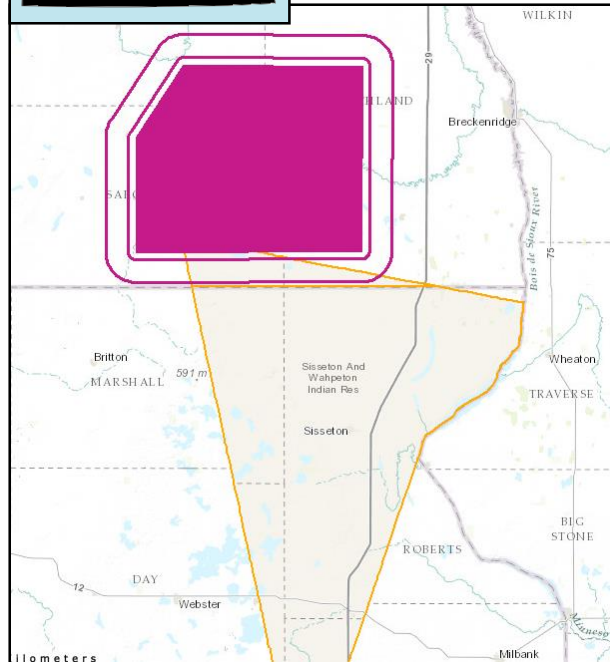
- Native Lands —
- NPL Site ●
- 4 Mile Buffer —

- NPL documents of interest may be available through ITEP's resource library.



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### Primary Contaminants

- Arsenic

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