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**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY TO BEGIN ON
FORMER GAS PLANT PROPERTY IN WARSAW**

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today announced that it will begin conducting an environmental study next week at a former manufactured gas plant in Warsaw, Ind.

NIPSCO is conducting the study in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) through its Voluntary Remediation Program. The study could take up to three weeks to complete and will determine what future steps may be necessary to address any environmental impacts from historical gas manufacturing operations.

From 1890 to 1942 several companies produced gas from coal for Warsaw homes and businesses in the 500 block of E. Winona Avenue. NIPSCO has a gas meter station on the property. The project is part of NIPSCO's commitment to evaluate sites where these plants once operated to determine if they have impacted to the environment.

An engineering firm under contract to NIPSCO will collect samples of soil and groundwater from the property and excavate limited areas where a preliminary study indicated remnants of gas plant structures may remain below ground. The study will resume in January for up to two weeks.

NIPSCO has provided information to the surrounding neighborhood about the upcoming work and placed documents for public viewing in the Warsaw Community Public Library, located at 310 E. Main Street.

About NIPSCO

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With over 712,000 natural gas customers and 445,000 electric customers across the northern third of Indiana, NIPSCO is the largest natural gas distribution company, and the second largest electric distribution company, in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.8 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipSCO.com.