## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 1, 1994

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

New Jersey 1-640 13-5267260 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

3000 N. Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas 77032 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (713) 987-5000

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Reference is made to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1994 for a description of previously reported litigation.

Jackson v. The Glidden Co., et al. In December 1994, an intermediate Ohio appellate court reversed the previously reported grant of defendants' motion to dismiss this case. Defendants are evaluating an appeal to the Supreme Court of Ohio. If the appellate decision is not reversed, the case will be remanded to the trial court for further pretrial proceedings.

On December 1, 1994, the Registrant issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

## (C) EXHIBITS

(i) Exhibit 99.1. Press Release dated December 1, 1994.

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## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ Dennis G. Newkirk

Dennis G. Newkirk Vice President & Controller

Dated: December 9, 1994

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EXHIBIT 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## VERDICT IN FAVOR OF NL

HOUSTON, TEXAS -- December 1, 1994 -- NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE:NL) announced today that a jury sitting in a Pennsylvania state court reached a verdict in favor of NL in a class action suit. NL stated that plaintiffs in the action had sought compensatory and punitive damages for personal injury and property damage from NL and the current owner of a lead plant for injuries allegedly caused by emissions from the plant. The current owner of the plant settled the case prior to the jury being charged.

NL stated that the action had been brought on behalf of a class of over 7,500 persons who resided or worked near the plant from 1960 through the present. NL sold the plant to its current owner in 1979.

NL understands that the plaintiffs will have 30 days following an entry of a judgment in NL's favor to appeal the decision. NL intends to vigorously defend any appeal as well as any other attempts by the plaintiffs to disturb the jury's verdict.

 $\,$  NL Industries, Inc. is a major international producer of titanium dioxide pigments and specialty chemicals.