



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY- REGION IV
HERCULES, INC. (HATTIESBURG) SITE
HATTIESBURG, FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Phase I Sampling and Analysis Work Plan for Hercules, Inc.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) have reviewed the Phase I Sampling and Analysis Work Plan for Hercules, Inc. (Hattiesburg) site. On August 25, 2011, EPA disapproved the submission and directed Hercules to resubmit the document after incorporating comments from MDEQ and EPA.

EPA and MDEQ feel that the Phase I Sampling and Analysis Work Plan does not present a detailed sampling and analysis approach as required by the Administrative Order (AO). A revised submittal should include the detail requested by the AO and the comments made by MDEQ and EPA. MDEQ and EPA expect the revised Phase I Work Plan to be submitted by September 19, 2011.

Well Survey

The EPA AO requires sampling of drinking water wells on or within a half-mile radius of the Hercules site. Therefore, all wells indentified through the public records search or well inventory within this half-mile radius are required to be sampled. The well survey will assist in locating wells on private property that were not identified through the public record search. Questions 1 through 3 will provide the information needed to make sure wells on your property are included in the Hercules well sampling plan. **Please disregard Question # 5 entirely.** There may be additional survey methods that Hercules will use to identify wells in the future. MDEQ will work to ensure that the city and community are informed about these additional measures.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Hercules Site is located on approximately 200 acres of land north of West Seventh Street in Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Mississippi. The Hercules Hattiesburg facility began operations in 1923. Throughout the facility's history the operations consisted of extracting and/or working with rosins to produce rosin derivatives, paper chemicals, and Delnav, an agricultural insecticide (miticide). Process operations at the Site were shut down at the end of 2009. Many of the former plant buildings have been demolished. Hercules has had air, storm water, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, and State of Mississippi-issued Water Pollution Control (pre-treatment) permits that covered discharges from the Site when it was in operation. Hercules continues to conduct sampling and reporting activities associated with storm water and pre-treatment discharges. On May 9, 2011, the EPA issued a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Section 3013(a) AO that requires Hercules to conduct environmental investigation activities to determine the nature and extent of potential contamination on-site and off-site.

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Mailing List Additions/Corrections

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