



# ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

PHONE: (404) 562-8327

FAX: (404) 562-8335

## **EPA AND MDEQ TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PICAYUNE WOOD TREATING SITE IN PICAYUNE, MS**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2004, regarding the former wood-treating site in Picayune, Mississippi. EPA and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) officials will provide information, answer questions, and address citizen concerns about the completion of the emergency removal of contamination, the ongoing assessment activities, and the future actions planned for the site. Officials from the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry will be available to address health-related concerns.

The public meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Mason Hall, 713 Rosa St. in Picayune. Persons interested in obtaining additional information are encouraged to contact Sherryl A. Carbonaro, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (800) 564-7577 or (404) 562-8611, or Jerry Banks, Division Chief, MDEQ Groundwater Assessment and Remediation Division at (888) 786-0661 or (601) 961-5221.

Wood Treating, Inc., a former creosote and pentachlorophenol wood-treating site, operated from 1946 until 1999, when it closed the business. The site is surrounded by residential, commercial, and industrial areas. The site was proposed to the National Priorities List in March 2004.