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SITE INFORMATION

Picayune Wood Treating Superfund Site



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This site information sheet summarizes the history of the site as well as activities being conducted at the site.

If you have questions or comments about the Picayune Wood Treating Site, please contact us at the numbers listed below. **Reports and documents pertaining to the Site can be viewed at the Site Repository – Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library, 900 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune, MS.**

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Site History

The Picayune Wood Treating Site is located at 403 Davis Street in Picayune, Pearl River County, Mississippi. Timber and lumber related operations began in the early 1900s, but the wood treating operation most likely began around 1946. The Crosby Products Company pressure-treated yellow southern pine wood with preservative chemicals (creosote). In 1973, Wood Treating, Inc. purchased the facility and continued to pressure treat wood until 1999. Residential, commercial, and industrial areas presently surround the Site.

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), regulated the Wood Treating, Inc. facility under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) from 1981 to 1999. Several enforcement actions were issued to the facility during that time period. A plan to treat groundwater was implemented in 1996 and continued until 1999 when the company ceased operations.

Present Site Status

In September 2002, EPA began a Remedial Investigation (RI) to determine the nature and extent of the contamination at the Site. The EPA began sampling the groundwater in existing monitoring wells in January 2003. Additional Site soil sampling for the RI was conducted in February and May 2004. Approximately 100 soil samples and 60 water samples from the site, the surrounding area and Mill Creek have been collected and analyzed. The information will allow EPA and MDEQ to determine where other samples must be collected. Several sample collection events are expected during the RI in order to determine the full extent of the contamination. Starting August 23, EPA contractors will be drilling 20 new monitoring wells on and around the site. A map of the well locations is included on the back of this page. Community relations efforts are ongoing and community interviews will occur the week of August 23rd. A Focus Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Carver Cultural Museum located at the Mississippi Mall, 1308 South High Street. For more information and directions to the Focus Group Meeting please call 601-798-5512.