



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY- REGION 4

Hercules Incorporated
Hattiesburg, MS



FACT SHEET NO. 11

March 2015

Report to the Community

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and Hercules Incorporated (Hercules) have been working to investigate and address environmental conditions related to the former Hercules plant in Hattiesburg. This report provides a summary of completed, current, and planned activities related to the site.

The community will have an opportunity to discuss the Hercules site with EPA and MDEQ at one of three sessions on Tuesday, March 24. Three public availability sessions will be held from: 10AM - 12 PM; 2PM – 4 PM; and 6PM – 8 PM, at the C.E. Roy Community Center, 300 East 5th Street, Hattiesburg. We will be available to answer questions and discuss the site, its investigation, and current and planned environmental work.

Work is proceeding under two EPA orders

Two orders issued by EPA require specific short- and longer-term actions:

- RCRA 3013 – conduct on-site and off-site investigations of soil, groundwater, surface water, sediment and air.
 - Investigation reports for Phases 1 and 2 are being completed. Follow-up field activities are planned to continue later this year.
- RCRA 3008(h) – implement specific response actions (or interim measures) while the site-wide investigations, and any resulting corrective actions, continue.
 - A segment of the Providence Street city sewer line has been replaced and the road has been repaved.
 - Preparations are underway to remove sludge from the Impoundment Basin and several tanks on the Hercules property.
 - Removal of contamination in one shallow groundwater monitoring well and installation of a permanent groundwater monitoring well network have been completed in Areas 1 and 2.

Projects underway or planned for 2015

- RCRA 3013 – Field activities will start in the spring, including enhancement of the groundwater monitoring well network and groundwater sampling. A Risk Assessment is planned for late 2015.
- RCRA 3008(h) – Decommissioning of and sludge removal from the Impoundment Basin and other tanks, used as part of the plant's wastewater treatment system, will begin in late March. A crane and other equipment will be seen soon, and will be followed by the installation of sheet pilings and a temporary structure (to encapsulate the impoundment basin and to control potential air emissions and odors).
- Dismantlement and salvage of old buildings – Throughout the remainder of 2015, the former plant will be decommissioned and old structures and debris will be removed. Equipment such as mechanical shears and grapple will be brought in later in March and early April.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

Public Availability Session, Tuesday, March 24, 2015

CE ROY COMMUNITY CENTER, 300 East 5th Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

Availability Times:

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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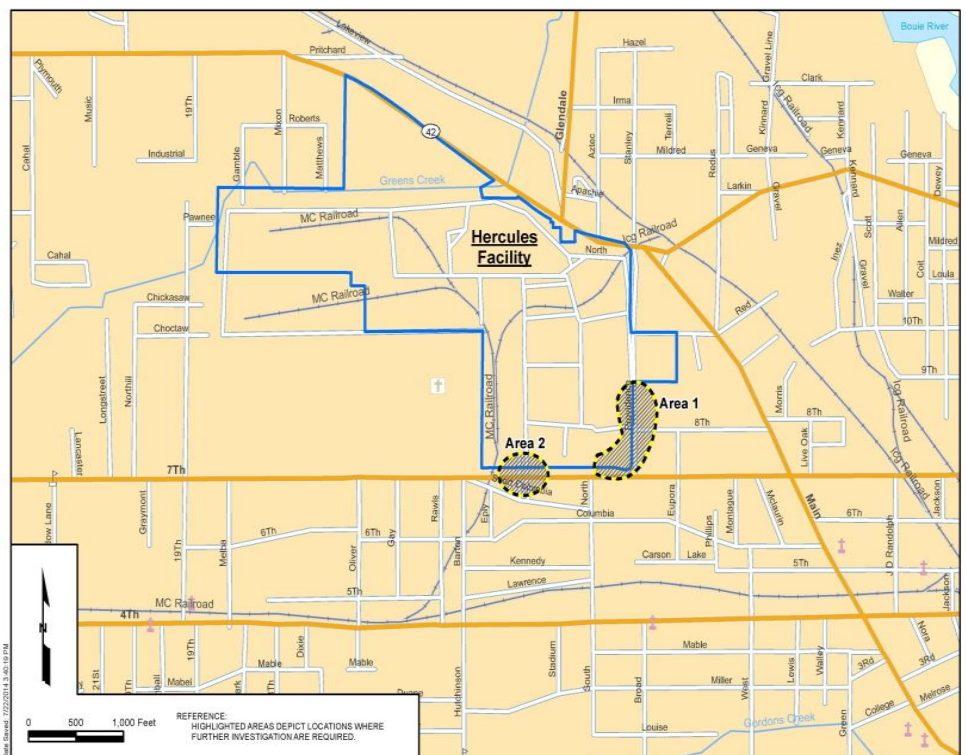
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