



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
**BAYOU CASOTTE INDUSTRIAL PARK**  
PASCAGOULA, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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*MDEQ understands that citizens  
still have environmental concerns.*

*The agency is committed to  
exploring ways to address the  
concerns and ensuring the public  
remains protected from  
environmental health risks. For  
more information on investigation  
efforts, or should you have any  
questions or concerns, please feel  
free to phone, write, or email one of  
the contact names listed on this fact  
sheet.*

**MDEQ Continues Efforts to Address Community Concerns**

This fact sheet will provide you an update on efforts and activities of MDEQ to address community concerns. The timeline below is a partial list of activities conducted by MDEQ for the past three (3) months.

- 01/23/2014** Meeting with industries located in the Bayou Casotte industrial park.
- 02/03/2014** Call with MS Department of Health
- 02/03/2014** Citizen sends in log of weekly issues within community
- 02/12/2014** ECED creation of spreadsheet for comparison of wind direction and dates of complaints
- 02/13/2014** Call with city officials to discuss noise ordinance and traffic control
- 02/17/2014** Pascagoula community engagement meeting/ Industry informational session
- 02/26/2014** Discussions with MDOT about dust suppression during construction
- 03/03/2014** Sites flagged in MDEQ internal database
- 03/10/2014** MDEQ South Regional Office investigation of dust during shift change
- 03/11/2014** Letter from ECED to VT Halter about their voluntary efforts to evaluate sandblasting operations and potential dust from unimproved surfaces
- 03/13/2014** Community contact information cards mail out
- 03/25/2014** ECED inspections at the nearby concrete and asphalt plants
- 03/27/2014** Meeting with community and STEPS Coalition
- 03/31/2014** Response letter to inquiry about Title V facilities
- 04/03/2014** Survey to industries for evaluation of ways to reduce fugitive emissions
- 04/09/2014** ECED receives response from VT Halter

MDEQ has also held conference calls with industry and local government officials to discuss how to address concerns.

**Next Steps:**

**Summer 2014:** Title V Air Permitting Community Training- Opportunities for Public Participation

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