

Public Meeting Scheduled

**A public meeting to discuss the ongoing remedial
assessment at the Picayune wood-treating site
is scheduled for
Thursday, April 1, 2004
7:00 p.m.
Mason Hall
713 Rosa St.
Picayune, Mississippi 39466**

United States Environmental
Protection Agency

**Superfund Program and State
Support Branch**

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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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PICAYUNE WOOD
TREATING
SITE INFORMATION



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Picayune Wood-Treating 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:

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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.

Present Site Status

Wood Treating, Inc., which operated a wood-treating facility on the site, ceased operations in 1999. EPA started a Removal Action in October 1999, under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), treating approximately 400,000 gallons of wastewater and removing mercury and asbestos from the Site. Twenty tanks and tanker cars were demolished and approximately 309 tons of scrap metal were also removed from the Site. In addition, 1,500 cubic yards of creosote sludge were solidified and stockpiled on Site. EPA completed the Removal Action in February 2001.

In September 2002, EPA began a Remedial Investigation (RI) to determine the nature and extent of the contamination at the Site and in an associated groundwater plume. The Agency began sampling the groundwater in existing monitoring wells in January 2003. Additional Site sampling for the RI started on February 2, 2004.