

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Rogers
FROM: Richard Ball
RE: Hattiesburg - American Creosote Site
DATE: January 4, 1990

- 8-7-89 Jim Vance, Mobile District Corps., reported to this agency creosote in borings along Gordon Creek.
- 8-31-89 I investigated site and discovered creosote seeping into Gordon Creek. Title search of county records revealed a creosote operation was in operation along Gordon Creek from around 1900 to 1960. The last operator of record was American Creosote. The site is located on 16th sections land, with the Hattiesburg School District as trustee.
- 9-5-89 Don Rigger, EPA and myself investigated the site. Creosote was found seeping into creek. Water samples from creek taken.
- 9-12-89 Contacted Hattiesburg School District Superintendent about our discovery on Gordon Creek and implication.
- 10-10-89 Meet with Mayor of Hattiesburg and discussed what this agency had found.
- 12-12-89 Contacted Mobile District of Corps., and told them of the problem we found in Gordon Creek.
- 1-2-90 Don Rigger, Greg Powell, EPA, Jim Vance, Ken Guidry, Corps of Engineers, Joe Meador, City of Hattiesburg, Burce Reid, Pat Harrison, Waterway District, and myself met and discussed the problem along Gordon Creek as it relates to Hattiesburg flood control project.
- 1-22-90 EPA plans to sample area. At present, we do not know how large and extensive an area is contaminated. The old site was around 84 acres along the railroad, about 1/2 mile long by 1/4 mile wide. Today this area is covered by car dealers, and other small businesses. Plan to contact local authorities and affected lease holders when identified prior to the 22d and inform them of our investigation.

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