



# Marion Pressure Treating

Marion, Union Parish, LA

## Site Description

The Marion Pressure Treating Company (MPTC) site, a 22-acre site located in Union Parish, LA, is a former wood treating facility that applied creosote to wood products as a preservative. From 1964 through 1983, the facility released creosote contaminated wastewater on-site, contaminating the site with volatile and semivolatile organic compounds, specifically polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The facility closed in 1989 when the company declared bankruptcy.

## Current Site Status and Cleanup Actions to Date

- From 1994 through 1995, EPA studied the extent of the site's surface soil, sludge, surface water, and ground water contamination.
- In 1997, EPA removed creosote sludge from tanks at the facility, [excavated](#) (2pp, 530K) contaminated soil and debris, and consolidated and securely covered the former process area.
- In 1999, EPA and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality completed additional investigations at the site and found volatile and semivolatile organic compounds, specifically PAHs.
- In 2000, EPA studied the extent of the contamination and sampled the town's drinking water system to ensure that no ground water contamination reached water supply wells. A fence was also installed around the site to restrict access.
- In September 2001, EPA released its proposed cleanup plan for public comments, conducting both an open house and a public meeting to gather the community's input into the cleanup decisions.
- The final cleanup plan for the site was released in June 2002.
- EPA completed the final remedial design package in 2003.

## Current Funding Status

- Approximately \$5.0 million has been spent to date for emergency actions, and studies to determine the full nature and extent of contamination at the site.

## Key

### Accomplishments

- Approximately \$5.0 million has been spent to date for emergency actions, and studies to determine the full nature and extent of contamination at the site.
- The site has been fenced to limit access.

For more information on the projects at this site, please read the [Marion Pressure Treating Fact Sheet](#) (3pp, 74K) on the Region 6 Superfund Web site.