

NPL Site Narrative for Midland Products

MIDLAND PRODUCTS

Birta, Ola, Arkansas

Conditions at proposal (October 15, 1984): Midland Products formerly treated wood on a 4-acre site on Highway 10 in Yell County between the towns of Ola and Birta, Arkansas. The site is just south of the Petit Jean Wildlife Management Area and Keeland Creek in the Ouachita Mountains.

Midland Products, now bankrupt, operated the site from 1969 to 1979. The company stored pentachlorophenol and creosote for the wood-treatment process in surface impoundments and above-ground storage tanks. In 1982, EPA detected these chemicals and PCBs in the surface impoundments. A shallow aquifer is also contaminated. Approximately 190 people use wells within 3 miles of the site as a source of drinking water.

Status (June 10, 1986): Under a cooperative agreement with EPA, the State is planning a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action. Field activities are expected to begin in the fall of 1986.

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