

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp Site Operable Unit 1



Navassa, North Carolina

October 2019

Meeting to discuss the Proposed Cleanup Plan

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Open House
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Public meeting
at 6:00 p.m.

Navassa Community Center
338 Main Street
Navassa, NC

Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a Proposed Plan for the Kerr McGee Chemical Corp- Navassa Superfund Site (the Site) in Navassa, North Carolina (Figure 1). The Proposed Plan presents the basis for determining that no action is necessary for the protection of human health and the environment in the 21.6 acres designated as Operable Unit 1 (OU1). EPA is issuing this Proposed Plan as part of its public participation responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). EPA is the lead agency for action at the Site and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) is the support agency.

Additional Site information is available on the Site profile page: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/kerr-mcgee-chemical-corp>. The Proposed Plan is posted at: <https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11134934>

EPA'S Summary of Preferred Alternative

The 21.6-acre Operable Unit 1 area (see Figure 1) poses no current or potential threat to human health or the environment under the current and reasonably anticipated future land uses (commercial, industrial, or recreational) and therefore meets the EPA's criterion for a No Action Remedy. The future land use is based on community input through the Redevelopment Planning Initiative, the local zoning designation, discussion with the local government, and the State's statutory requirement for a restrictive covenant to prevent residential use or specific commercial uses such as daycares and schools.

The 21.6-acre OU1 area is adjacent to the 82-acre "Eastern Upland Area," thus creating about 100 contiguous acres that are available for reuse by implementing the proposed No Action Remedy.

The EPA, in consultation with the state of North Carolina, may modify the proposed No Action Remedy presented in this Proposed Plan based on new information or comments received during the public comment period.

Background

The former facility covers about 70 acres of a 154-acre property, which is bounded to the north by Quality Drive and the former Rampage Boat Company, to the east by the Brunswick River, to the south by Sturgeon Creek, and to the west by Navassa Road. The Site consists of the 70-acre former wood treating facility and about 30 acres of marsh to the south of the former facility. The remainder of the property is about 82 acres, which is not part of the

Site, and is called the “Eastern Upland Area.” The focus of this Proposed Plan is OU1 which includes 21.6 acres of the former wood treating facility and is located on the northern portion of the Site (Figure 1).

The Brunswick River influences both the historical and future uses of the property. The entirety of the community’s riverfront is currently occupied by three parcels; the Site, an empty fertilizer plant which is vacant but ready for reuse, and an industrial parcel that is under contract for light industrial use. Historically, the 154-acre property provided housing, jobs and recreation for the community.

Site Ownership

The plant was built by Gulf States Creosoting Company in 1936. American Creosoting purchased the facility in 1958 and sold it to Kerr-McGee in 1965. Kerr-McGee discontinued Site operations in 1974. Kerr-McGee decommissioned and dismantled the plant in 1980.

Kerr-McGee owned the property as a 244-acre parcel until 1991. In 1991, Kerr-McGee transferred 92 acres of marsh to the state of North Carolina, after which Kerr-McGee’s property totaled about 152 acres. Historical real estate documents incorrectly reported the total acreage as 300 acres.

In March 2006, Kerr-McGee created Tronox, LLC (Tronox) as a spin-off corporation, and Tronox assumed responsibility for the Site. Anadarko Petroleum acquired Kerr-McGee in August 2006. In January 2009, Tronox filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in federal court.

In February 2011, the Tronox bankruptcy settlement established the Multistate Trust to own and assume responsibility of this Site. Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC (Multistate Trust) is the Trustee of the Multistate Environmental Response Trust. The Multistate Trust operates pursuant to the Tronox Bankruptcy Consent Decree and Environmental Settlement Agreement and pursuant to the February 14, 2011, Environmental Response Trust Agreement. The Multistate Trust is performing Environmental Actions at the Site for the beneficiaries of the Multistate Trust, the United States and the State of North Carolina.

In 2016, the Multistate Trust purchased two 1-acre residential parcels in the interior of the Eastern Upland Area, increasing the property’s size to 154 acres.

Public Comment

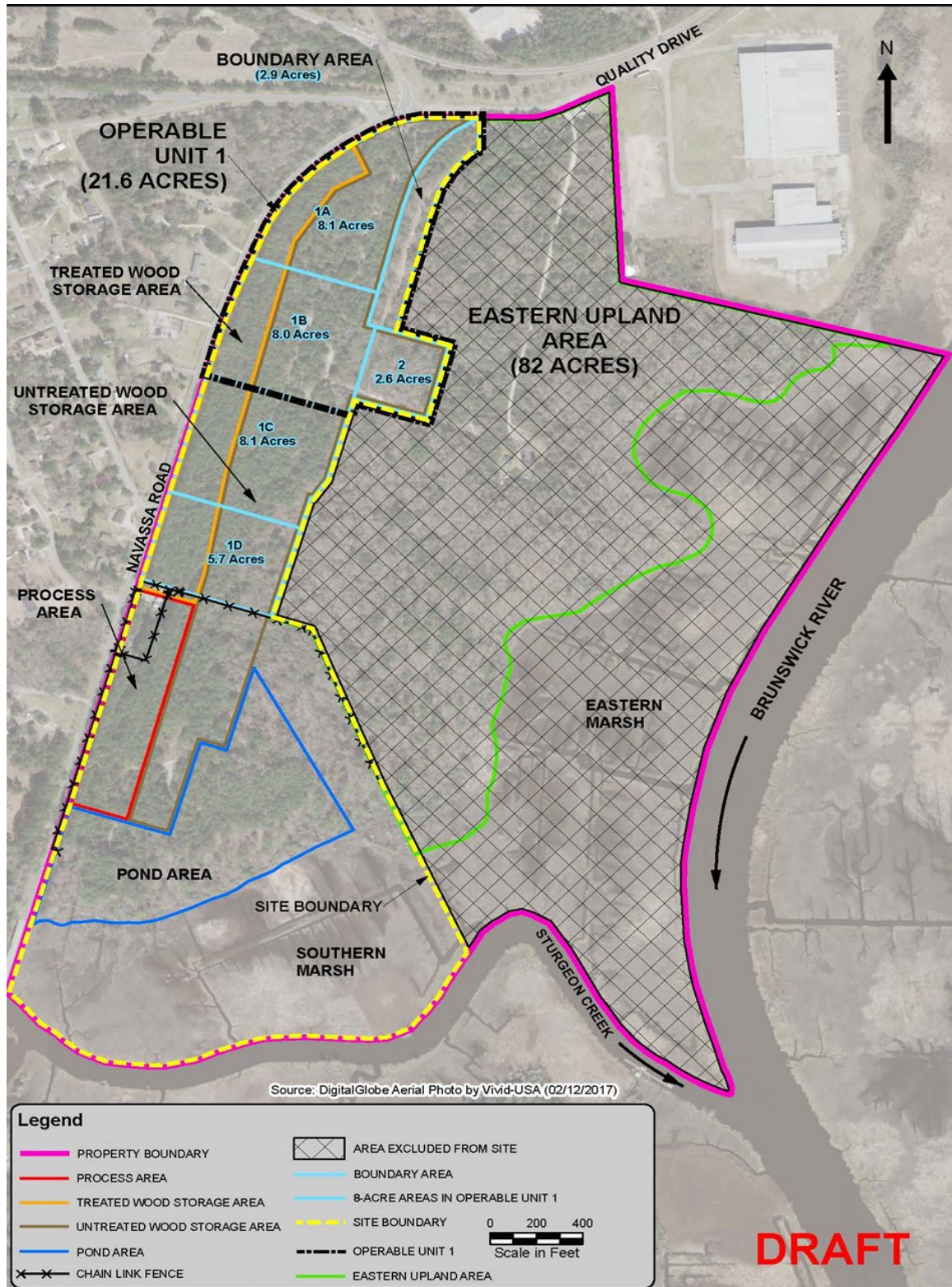
EPA relies on public input to ensure the concerns of the community are considered in selecting an effective remedy for each Superfund Site. The public comment period runs from **October 9, 2019 through November 8, 2019**. The Administrative Record and Information Repository for the Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp-Navassa Site is located at the Navassa Community Center, 338 Main Street, Navassa, North Carolina 28451; Leland Library, 487 Village Road NE, Leland, North Carolina, 28451; and U. S. EPA Region 4, Superfund Records Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303.

EPA will host a public meeting on **Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Navassa Community Center, 338 Main Street, Navassa, North Carolina 28451. Representatives from EPA will present the details of the Proposed Plan to address the environmental impacts at the Kerr-McGee-Navassa Site and answer any questions the public may have regarding the preferred cleanup remedy. You may email your comments to Spalvins.Erik@epa.gov. If you prefer to submit written comments, please mail them, postmarked no later than November 8, 2019, to Erik Spalvins, U.S. EPA, Superfund Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

We want your comments!
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After EPA has received comments and questions submitted during the public comment period, EPA will summarize the comments and provide responses to all questions and comments in the Responsiveness Summary which will be part of the Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will select the final remedial action and will provide the rationale of EPA's selection. The ROD will be available at the Information Repository and online at the website below.

Figure 1: Extent of Site, Operable Unit 1 and Eastern Upland Area



FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/kerr-mcgee-chemical-corp>

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