

NPL Site Narrative for Moss-American Co., Inc. (Kerr-McGee Oil Co.)

MOSS-AMERICAN CO., INC. (KERR-MCGEE OIL CO.) Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Conditions at listing (September 1983): From 1946 until 1976, Moss-American Co., Inc., a division of Kerr-McGee Oil Co., treated railroad ties, telephone poles, and building materials with preservatives such as creosote on a 90-acre site in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Creosote-soaked logs were stored and coated at several areas in the plant. As a result, creosote and other coal tar distillates contaminated the site. The old factory buildings were demolished in 1978, and creosote sludge and the most contaminated soils were excavated and sent to a disposal site in Illinois. Creosote-like compounds from past operations, however, continue to contaminate surface soil, ground water, and river sediments near the site, according to analyses conducted by EPA.

The site, a portion of which is owned by the Milwaukee County Parks Commission, is adjacent to the Little Menomonee River.

Status (June 1984): EPA is considering various alternatives for the site.

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