

This fact sheet will tell you about:

- The Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Process and On-Going Activities;
- Site Description;
- Community Involvement;
- Technical Assistance Grant; and
- How to learn more about the Site.

RI/FS Process and On-going Activities

The first step of the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) process is to have a work plan in place that describes the work to be done. The RI is designed to determine the nature and extent of contamination, and the FS evaluates various ways to deal with the contamination at the site. The RI/FS Work Plan and support plans describe:

1. Sampling activities, including the number of type of samples to be collected
2. Sampling procedures
3. Health and safety precautions
4. Community outreach activities
5. Quality assurance procedures

The Work Plan for the Colonial Creosote RI/FS was finalized on June 17, 2016.

The support plans that were later approved include:

- Sampling and Analysis Plan
- Health and Safety Plan
- Site Management Plan

The RI/FS process normally ends with the release of the RI/FS documents and the development of the Proposed Plan for remedial action in cleaning up the site. The Proposed Plan will also serve as an effective communication device for the EPA to present its preferred remedy and rationale to the community.

Access agreements for properties where EPA plans to collect samples have recently been secured. Arrangements are currently being made with various vendors and labs to implement the Sampling and Analysis Plan. With these items in place, field activities are projected to start in June 2017. Prior to starting the fieldwork, EPA will conduct an information meeting and availability session to answer any questions residents or interested parties may have about the process. Notices of these sessions will be provided soon.

Site Description

The Colonial Creosote site (Site) is located in the southeast portion of Bogalusa, Washington Parish, Louisiana. The 32-acre property is bounded on the west and northwest by a railroad spur for the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and undeveloped land to the east and south. Residential communities are located between 0.2 to 0.5 miles to the east, south and west of the site,

and fisheries located in downstream waters. The property is accessed from Hickory Avenue whose west end abuts the north corner of the property.

Colonial Creosote began wood treating at this facility in approximately 1911 and continued until it was closed in 1953. Operations included bark removal, wood preserving and product storage.



Above ground storage tank and remnants of former creosote site operations

Creosote was the primary preservative used to treat wood at the facility. Colonial was owned by American Creosote of Louisville, Kentucky. In March of 1957, the property was sold to Lakeview Sand and Gravel Co. Inc., which later became Bogalusa Concrete and continued to operate at the site until 2008.

Community Involvement

EPA is committed to engaging dialogue and collaboration with community members. Our goal for Superfund community involvement is to advocate and strengthen early

and meaningful community participation during Superfund cleanups. We strive to encourage and enable community members to get involved. EPA is committed to:

- Encourage and enable community members to get involved;
- Listen carefully to what the community is saying;
- Take the time needed to deal with community concerns;
- Change planned actions where community comments or concerns have merit;
- Keep the community well informed of ongoing and planned activities; and
- Explain to the community what EPA has done and why.

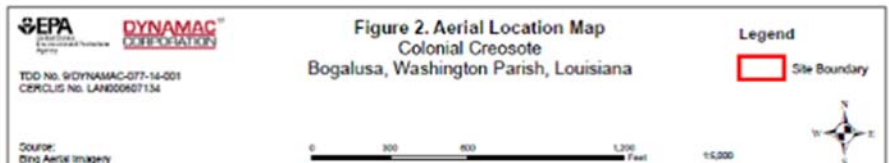
Community Participation - EPA welcomes the opportunity to improve our communication effort by obtaining feedback and suggestions from you. Do you have suggestions that can improve the exchange of information or ideas that can enhance the implementation of the remediation efforts? If so, we want to hear from you. Your participation can make a difference!

Community Involvement Plan (CIP) - A CIP will be developed to identify the concerns, needs and issues of the community. This document informs the site team about the community and the preferred ways to involve them in the site clean-up. To develop this document, it will require visiting the site and community, conducting interviews of community members and other stakeholders, and putting together an analysis of the community needs for communication and involvement with the site. This process will likely take a couple of months to complete.



Remnants from former creosote site operations

Aerial site map



Technical Assistance Grant

An understanding of the technical issues concerning a hazardous waste site helps citizen provide thoughtful, informed comments to EPA decision-makers considering proposed Superfund actions. Recognizing the importance of community involvement and the need for citizens living near these sites to be well informed, Congress included provisions in the Superfund amendments to establish a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program.

The TAG program provides up to \$50,000 per site to a community group affected by the site for the purpose of hiring technical advisors. The group must provide at least 20 percent of the total costs of their project and must budget the expenditure of grant funds to cover the live of the Superfund process at the site(s).

For More Information

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Bogalusa, LA 70427

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<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0607134>

See inside for information about EPA's upcoming investigation at the
Colonial Creosote Superfund Site

