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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the general status and update of the Hercules site location?

A: A Final Project Management Plan has been developed for the Administrative Order and will be utilized for activities described in this Interim Measure Work Plan (IMWP). This plan is located in the repository of the Hattiesburg Public Library.

Q: What is the honest health consequences associated with the Hercules site?

A. Presently, there are no known human health exposures to site contaminants. Contaminants are primarily located in shallow groundwater that is not accessed by the public, and the City of Hattiesburg supplies residents with public water from a separate and deeper groundwater system. EPA and MDEQ will continue to oversee all actions by Hercules and will take appropriate response actions if a public health hazard develops. Future plans for a risk assessment will be performed after the investigation.

Q: Where are the potential lawsuits in the process?

A: Presently, neither the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality nor USEPA is a party to any lawsuit. Therefore the agencies do not have any pertinent knowledge to communicate on what the status is.

Q. Were there any arrangement made for people who moved from the potentially impacted area of concern?

A. Neither MDEQ nor EPA is a party to any property settlement agreements with private parties. Therefore the Agency has no known involvement or knowledge of any arrangements pertaining to personal matters made between the company and private citizens.

Q. Are there future community engagement meeting dates planned for the community to be involved in the process?

A. Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will continue to attend/host meetings whenever requested by community organizations or elected local officials.

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Information Repositories

www.epa.gov/region4/foiapggs/readingroom/hercules_inc/index.htm

www.deq.state.ms.us/mdeq.nsf/page/CE_HerculesIncHattiesburgMS?OpenDocument

City of Hattiesburg
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HERCULES ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP UPDATE

The Hercules Revised "Interim Measures Work Plan" (IMWP) for Areas #1 and #2 have been submitted as required by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Administrative Order on Consent (3008(h) Order), Docket No. RCRA-04-2014-4201(b) (3008(h) Order; July 8, 2014).

The focus of the 3008(h) Order is to complete plans related to the Impoundment Basin (IB), Area #1, and Area #2 associated with the Hercules Incorporated (Hercules) facility located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.



October 23, 2014, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) commented on the August 2014 Draft Interim Measures Work Plan to segregate the IB portion of the work plan.

Hercules segregated the IB portion of the work plan and submitted it as a stand-alone document on November 7, 2014. This work plan addresses the October 23, 2014, USEPA comments related to Areas #1 and #2.

Additionally, the assessment and evaluation activities associated with Area #1 and Area #2, which have generally been completed, are also summarized in the work plan.

These activities were outlined in letters provided to the USEPA and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on June 24, 2014, and presented in the Revised Draft Phase I and II Investigation Report (ARCADIS 2014) submitted on October 30, 2014.