

Appalachian Timber Services, Inc.

525 East Stonewall Street
Sutton, WV 26601
Congressional District 2
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Current Progress at the Site

Part of the remedy selected for ATS was to cover the contaminated soils to prevent exposure. This involved installing a preventive asphalt cap over the contaminated soils. Construction of the asphalt cap and concrete pads was started in April 2005. Completion of the asphalt cap in August 2005 marks an important milestone in implementation of the final remedy for ATS. The next major task is for ATS to submit the final groundwater remediation system design during the early part of 2006. EPA had contracted with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to look at the existing groundwater remediation system and provide recommendations for improving the capture zone of the extraction system. ATS has submitted an application to the Flatwoods/Canoe Run PSD for review and signature. Flatwoods has tentatively agreed to accept ATS's treated water. The final design for the ATS treatment system should be submitted to EPA in December 2007. Final design has been held up due to lower water quality standards that are required to discharge to the waste water treatment plant. On going meetings with EPA, WVDEP and the facility are on-going.

ATS, WVDEP and EPA met on December 9, 2008 to discuss options for treating groundwater without using the Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD. Further meetings will be held to look at alternatives to treating contaminated groundwater.

Site Description

Located in Sutton, WV, on the south bank of the Elk River, approximately 1,200 feet downstream from Sutton Dam the ATS facility began wood treating operations in 1972. Initially, the company pressure treated wood with creosote. A chromated copper arsenate (CCA) pressurized wood system was later added to production operations at the site. However, creosote pressure treating of wood products (primarily railroad ties and timbers) has always represented more than 90% of company operations. CCA wood treatment operations ceased in July 1993 and all CCA related equipment was removed from the site. Creosote treating operations continue at the facility.

Site Responsibility

RCRA Correction Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the State.

Contaminants

The main contaminants of concern in the ground water, soil and surface water are polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), arsenic and chromium. EPA specified clean up levels for these constituents in their Final Decision and Response to Comments in September 1996. The goal of corrective measures proposed at the site is clean up to achieve the specified contaminant levels.

Community Interaction

The ATS site borders the Elk River and resides in the Braxton County Industrial Park. It is located with the Town of Sutton, WV, approximately 1,200 feet west of Sutton Dam.

EPA placed the Statement of Basis for proposed corrective action on public notice from August 16 through September 17, 1996 at the Sutton Public Library to inform the community about progress of the investigation and clean up. Documents related to the ATS site remain on file at the Sutton Public Library.

Institutional Controls

No institutional controls are currently in place.

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