

# CENTRAL WOOD SUPERFUND SITE

East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana



## EPA REGION 6 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

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### Current Status

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- Central Wood Preserving Company Superfund Site (Site) was deleted from the National Priorities List (NPL) using the direct final deletion process on September 18, 2009. On July 20, 2009, EPA published a notice in the Federal Register for deletion of the Site from the NPL (74 FR 35126). The direct final deletion process combines the deletion notice with the request for comments. The deletion became final sixty days after publication of the notice since no comments were received.
- The first Five-Year Review for the site began on December 1, 2008, with an inspection of the site. The Five Year Review was completed on April 21, 2009. The remedy was determined to be protective in the short term to human health and the environment. One issue was identified during the review. The parish is staging brush and tree debris from Hurricane Katrina damage; however, it appears that a small amount of household waste/debris and treated wood timbers have been placed illegally on the site. Illegal disposal may affect the future protectiveness of the site. EPA and LDEQ will work with the parish to prevent future incidents of illegal disposal and to remove the existing waste piles.

### Benefits

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The completion of the cleanup in 2004 reduces human health and ecological risks and allows for reuse of the property. The East Feliciana Police Jury filed a Conveyance Notification in August 2005 that will control future land use of the site and allows for residential use.

A removal action in 1995 eliminated immediate risks from above ground tanks and associated hazardous contents and overall addressed the short-term risks of an acute nature.

### National Priorities Listing (NPL) History

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Proposed Date: 1/19/1999

Final Date: 5/10/1999

Direct Final Publication Date: 7/20/2009  
(and start of 30 day comment period)

Final Deletion Date: 9/18/2009

Location: The 17 acre site is located in an unincorporated area in East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. The site is near the town of Slaughter, Louisiana. The site is divided by State Hwy 959.

Population: The nearby population is sparse; however, a few residents live along the northwest boundary of the site.

Setting: The facility is an inactive and abandoned wood preserving facility that was in operation from the 1950s to 1991. The facility process included the use of creosote, copper oxide, chromic acid, and arsenic acid.

Photos: [Before and After](#)

Principal Pollutants: Arsenic, copper, chromium and creosote.

Health Considerations:

The human health risk assessment concluded that there are elevated health risks associated with arsenic involved in the former wood preserving operations. By addressing the human health risks, the ecological risks will also be addressed.

**Record of Decision (ROD)**

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**The ROD was issued on April 5, 2001.**

Main cleanup components of the ROD included:

- ! Thermal Desorption - Approximately 28,260 cubic yards of contaminated soil and sediment were excavated from the site. Of this amount, approximately 9,200 cubic yards were treated on-site via thermal desorption to address the creosote contamination. The remaining ash from the thermal desorption as well as the approximately 19,800 cubic yards of arsenic contaminated soil/sediment were sent offsite to a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C hazardous waste facility.
  
- ! Buildings and debris piles - Buildings and debris piles that prevent equipment from excavating contaminated soil were sent off-site for disposal.

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