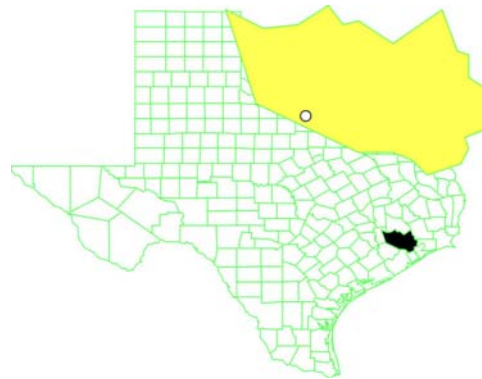


SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS Harris County, Texas

EPA Region 6
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Current Status

The EPA issued Special Notice Letters to International Paper Company (IPC) and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation (MIMC) on July 17, 2009, inviting them to formally negotiate an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) to conduct a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). Both IPC and MIMC responded to EPA's SNL on September 20, 2009. The EPA is reviewing and evaluating the offer from these Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs).

In addition, due to the unique location of the site, the EPA, USACE, and TCEQ are working together to come up with watershed management solutions where dredging and/or construction activities may impact the RI/FS, as well as, future site cleanup. As of November 1, 2009, a permits evaluation process is in place for an area of concern around the Site. The public announcement of this process can be found on the following websites:

EPA: www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san_jacinto/tx_san_jacinto_public_announcement_20091021.pdf

USACE: www.swg.usace.army.mil/pao/Docs/SanJacinto.pdf

TCEQ: www.tceq.state.tx.us/remediation/superfund/epa/sanjacpits

Benefits

The site has been finalized on the National Priorities List.

National Priorities Listing (NPL) History

Proposal Date: 9/17/2007 (72 FR 53509)

Final Listing Date: 3/19/2008 (73 FR 14719)

Site Description

Location: The Site is in Harris County in the State of Texas. The Site itself has no specific street address. The Site is comprised of an area of land and an area of the San Jacinto River bottom, i.e., river sediment that is contaminated with certain hazardous materials from released waste paper mill sludge. The Site is located in an area where the Interstate Highway 10 Bridge crosses over the San Jacinto River. The Site is located east of the City of Houston between two unincorporated areas known as Channelview and Highlands.

The Site includes an abandoned 20-acre tract of land (Tract). Harris County Clerk Land Records document that Virgil C. McGinnes Trustee, is this Tract's current owner of record. This Tract is bounded on the south by Interstate Highway 10, on the east by the San Jacinto River main channel, and on the north and west by shallow water off the River's main channel. Virgil C. McGinnes is deceased.

Site Map



Wastes And Volumes

The primary hazardous substances documented at the Site are polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans. Dioxin concentrations as high as 41,300 parts per trillion have been found in soil and sediment samples collected from the Tract's disposal pit areas and from river sediments near the Tract. Sediments contaminated with high levels of dioxin have been found in the San Jacinto River both up-river and down-river from the Tract. The complete nature and extent of the contamination will be delineated during the Remedial Investigation.

Health Considerations

The primary hazardous substances that have been documented at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site are polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans. Samples collected in the disposal pits and in the San Jacinto River have dioxin concentrations as high as 41,300 parts per trillion. Fish tissue samples have been collected by the Texas Department of Fish and Wildlife, and dioxin has been found in both fish and crab tissue samples above a health based benchmark.

Sediment, water, and tissue samples collected in the vicinity of the impoundments show elevated levels of dioxins. A consumption advisory based on dioxin is in place on this segment of the watershed. The current advisory recommends that adults eat no more than one meal per month caught from the advisory area, and suggests that women of childbearing age and children not consume any blue crabs or fish from the advisory area.

Record of Decision

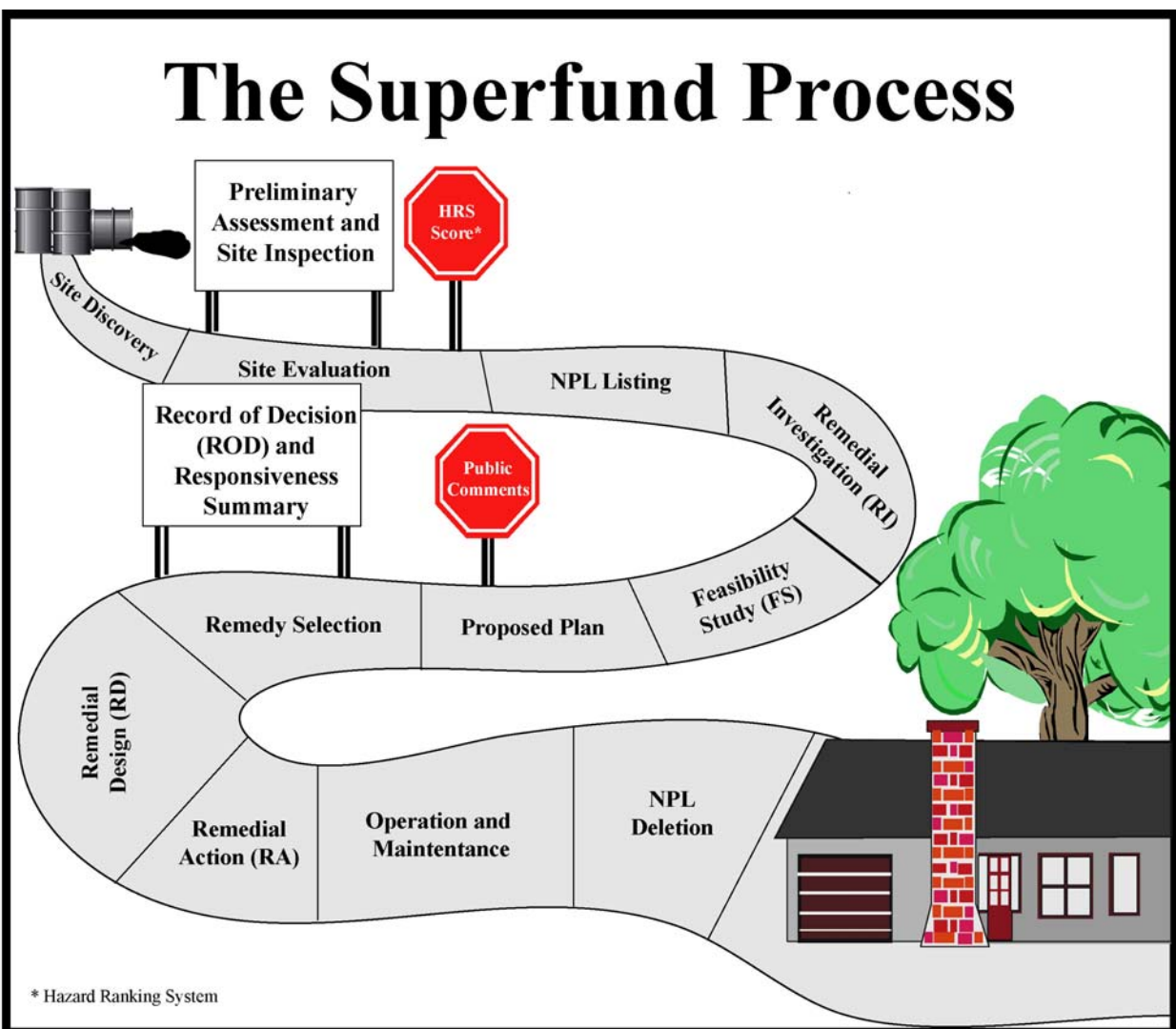
A Record of Decision will be completed during the Remedy Selection.

Operations and Maintenance

Operations and Maintenance activities will be completed after the Remedial Action.

Community Involvement

A formal meeting to solicit public input will be held during the Proposed Plan.



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Site Information Repository:	Pasadena Public Library 1201 Jeff Ginn Memorial Dr. Pasadena, TX 77506	(713) 477-0276
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