



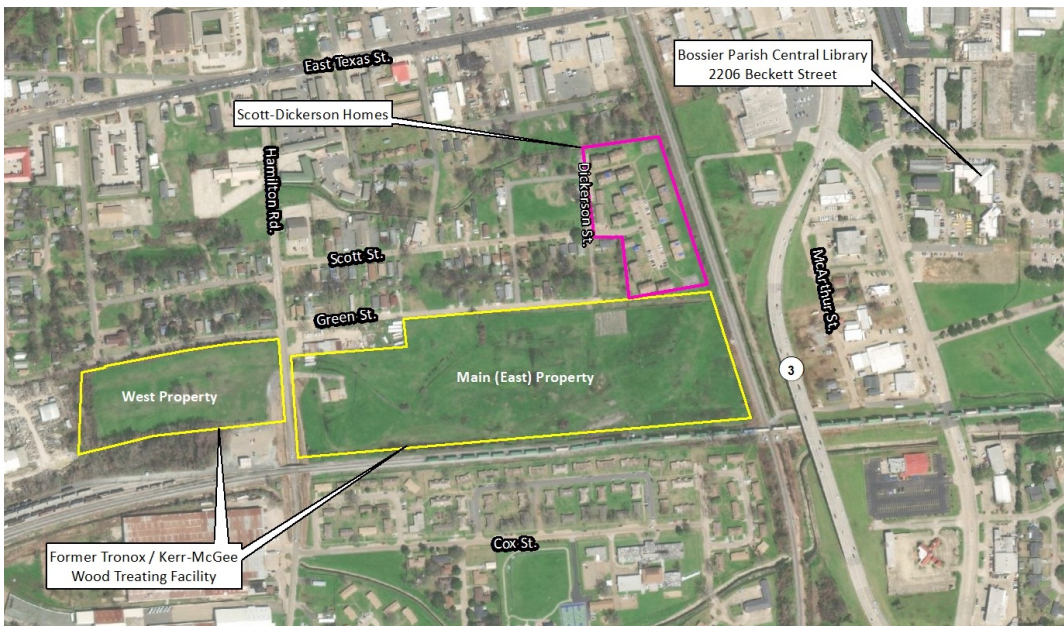
# Former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Wood Treating Facility (the Site) Bossier City, Louisiana

## Frequently Asked Questions, August 2021

The Multistate Environmental Response Trust (the Multistate Trust) prepared this fact sheet to answer frequently asked questions about the Site.

### What is the former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Wood Treating Facility in Bossier City, Louisiana (the Site)?

The Site is where Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC and its predecessors treated railroad ties with a mixture of creosote and fuel oil from 1930 to 1987. The wood treating facility was decommissioned in 1988, and all surface infrastructure was removed, except for an office building and some concrete pads. The Site has remained mostly vacant and grass-covered since that time. Because of Kerr-McGee's wood treatment operations, creosote-related contamination is present on- and off-Site.



*This map shows the Site, with the Main (East) and West properties, outlined in yellow.*

The ±32-acre Site consists of two parcels: (1) the Main Property (also known as the East Property), which includes ±26 acres east of Hamilton Road, where most of the wood treatment and processing is believed to have occurred; and (2) the smaller West Property, which covers ±6 acres west of Hamilton Road and is believed to have been used for untreated wood staging and storage. There are residences north and south of the Site and commercial/industrial properties east, west and southwest of the Site.

### Who currently owns the Site?

The Multistate Trust owns the Site.

### What is the Multistate Environmental Response Trust (the Multistate Trust)?

The Multistate Trust is a private, independent environmental response trust. Its purpose is to protect human health and the environment. Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC is Trustee of the Multistate Trust.

In 2005, after the Site had remained unused for approximately 18 years, Kerr-McGee transferred ownership to Tronox LLC, a company newly formed by Kerr-McGee. Tronox LLC subsequently filed for bankruptcy and, as part of a 2011 bankruptcy settlement, the Multistate Trust was appointed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York to own, investigate, clean up, and facilitate reuse(s) of the Site under Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) oversight. The Multistate Trust is also responsible for identifying responsible new owner(s) and productive new use(s) for the Site.

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## Has the Multistate Trust investigated the contamination at and/or near the Site?

The Multistate Trust, under the oversight and approval of LDEQ, conducted a series of investigations to build on data initially collected by former Site owners. These investigations are documented in a series of reports, prepared under Louisiana's Risk Evaluation/Corrective Action Program (RECAP).

Groundwater monitoring is ongoing; groundwater sampling is being performed twice per year at 20 Site monitoring wells (located both on- and off-Site).

## Can the public review these reports? If so, how and where?

The public can access Site documents at two locations. One is the LDEQ Electronic Document Management System at <https://www.deq.Louisiana.gov/page/edms>. Choose "Proceed to EDMS," enter AI "865," and click "Search."

The other location is Bossier Parish Central Library, 2206 Beckett Street, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111. Contact the library at (318) 746-1693 or [central@bossierlibrary.org](mailto:central@bossierlibrary.org) or visit <https://www.bossierlibrary.org/locations/bossier-central-branch> and ask for the "former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Wood Treating Facility Information Repository." The Site documents are available for viewing at the library on compact disc.

## What type of contamination has been found at and/or near the Site?

Contaminants associated with creosote-based wood treatment operations, including benzene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and creosote, have been found at the Site.

PAHs have also been found in surface soil off-Site, including at the Scott-Dickerson Homes (Apartments), neighboring properties east of Scott Street, and in the ditches on the east side of the railroad tracks. The Multistate Trust has found that these contaminants migrated off-Site primarily in wastewater generated at the process areas of the wood treating facility, on the Main Property. During Kerr-McGee's operations, wastewater was allowed to run through stormwater ditches north of the Site and east of Dickerson Street and in the railroad ditches east of the Site. Later, during development and building construction, the entire area was regraded, and the stormwater ditches eliminated, leaving most of the contamination below the ground surface.

Sampling shows that contamination is also present in the groundwater underlying the area between East Texas Street to the north, Cox Street to the south, and McArthur Street to the east. Because homes and buildings are connected to the public water supply, groundwater contamination does not pose a health risk to the public.

## Are there health risks associated with the contamination at and near the Site?

The primary health risk associated with the PAH-contaminated soil is incidental ingestion of and/or skin contact with material contaminated with the PAHs found in the soil near the ground surface.

If you have questions about health effects related to chemicals in the environment, contact the Louisiana Department of Public Health, Section of Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology at (888) 293-7020 (toll free).

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## What is the Interim Action that the Multistate Trust is expecting to begin under LDEQ oversight in fall 2021?

In coordination with LDEQ, the Multistate Trust is evaluating alternatives for cleaning up the Site, including off-Site locations where contamination is present. As an outcome of that evaluation, the Multistate Trust is proceeding with an Interim Action to address the off-Site soil contamination near the ground surface.

Under the Interim Action, **the Multistate Trust will excavate and remove soil in affected areas** to depths between 2 and 5 feet below the ground surface, depending on where contamination is present based on sampling activities. Following excavation, more soil samples will be collected to confirm that no further excavation is needed.

The remaining contamination, which occurs in on-Site soil near the ground surface (i.e., less than 5 feet below ground surface) and in soil and groundwater more than 5 feet below the ground surface in both on- and off-Site areas, is expected to be addressed as part of a later cleanup action.

A workplan that describes the Interim Action in more detail can be viewed online on the LDEQ Electronic Document Management System (at <https://www.deq.Louisiana.gov/page/edms>, choose “Proceed to EDMS,” enter AI “865,” and click “Search”) or in person at Bossier Parish Central Library, 2206 Beckett Street, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111.

## How will the Site be reused after it is remediated?

The Site’s future use has not been decided. The Multistate Trust hopes to work with community members and stakeholders to identify potential future safe reuse(s) for the Site. Transfer or sale of the Site or any portion of it must be approved by LDEQ and the United States.

Cleanup actions proposed by the Multistate Trust for the Site will consider a range of potential industrial or commercial future reuses. If you have ideas about potential future Site reuses, please contact Claire Woods, the Multistate Trust’s Director of Environmental Justice Policies and Programs, at [cw@g-etg.com](mailto:cw@g-etg.com) or (910) 765-7237.

## Can I receive compensation related to the contamination at the Site?

The Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust (the Tort Trust) was established by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York to receive and process claims against Tronox for personal injury (health/medical) or property damage.

**The Multistate Trust is not affiliated with or related to the Tort Trust**, and cannot accept, process or pay personal injury or property damage claims. If you have questions about personal injury or property damage claims, please contact the Tort Trust at (800) 753-2480 (toll-free) or [tronoxorttrust@epiglobal.com](mailto:tronoxorttrust@epiglobal.com). You can also visit its website at [www.tronoxorttrust.com](http://www.tronoxorttrust.com).

## How do I sign up to receive more information about the Site?

To be added to the Multistate Trust’s communications and mailing list, please contact Claire Woods at [cw@g-etg.com](mailto:cw@g-etg.com) or (910) 765-7237.

Please attend one of our **virtual public meeting sessions (4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) on Tuesday, August 31, 2021**. Join via [this Zoom link](#) or enter [tinyurl.com/BossierCity](http://tinyurl.com/BossierCity) into your browser, or call (301) 715-8592 and use meeting ID 946 584 8922 and passcode 664564. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the meetings will be virtual only. We hope to hold in-person events, including a drop-in information session, in the future.