

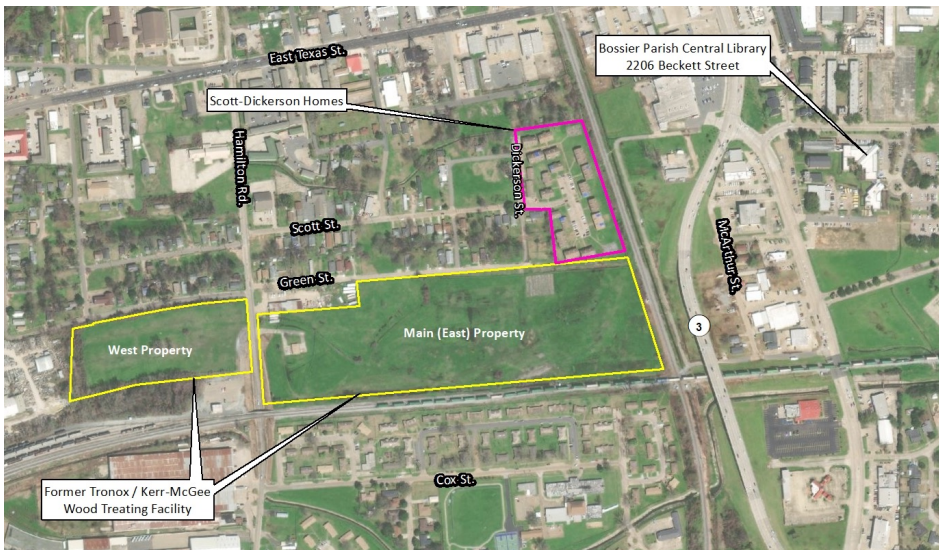


Former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Wood Treating Facility (the Site) Bossier City, Louisiana

Frequently Asked Questions, March 2023

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

Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC and its predecessors treated railroad ties at the Site 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.

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, including at an apartment complex owned by Housing Authority of Bossier City, called Scott-Dickerson Homes. There are commercial and industrial properties east, west and southwest of the Site.

The Multistate Trust recently completed excavation work at and near Scott-Dickerson Homes. What work was completed? Is there any additional planned work at Scott-Dickerson Homes?

In 2022, the Multistate Trust, in consultation with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), excavated soil to address contamination found at Scott-Dickerson Homes. Soil was removed down to between two and five feet, depending on where the contamination was found during soil sampling. Steps were taken to protect the health, safety, and security of residents and to minimize impacts on the community. Air and dust were monitored to protect residents from exposure to contaminants at unsafe levels. Traffic control, work sequencing, and noise and odor controls were also in place. Three message boards displaying information about the work are posted at Scott-Dickerson Homes.

In Spring and Summer of 2023, the Multistate Trust expects to remove and replace the parking lot at Scott-Dickerson Homes. While the concrete parking lot and sidewalks provide a protective barrier to prevent exposure to contamination in the soil underneath, there may be a risk to future workers if the parking lot were removed or replaced. Because the Housing Authority of Bossier City plans to replace sections of the parking lot, and because doing so could expose future workers, the Multistate Trust plans to replace the parking lot and underlying soil. The Multistate Trust will implement procedures similar to those described above to protect workers and residents during the work. Once the parking lot is replaced, future workers will be protected from exposure [*continued...*]

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because clean fill under the new parking lot will prevent direct contact during any future parking lot repair work.

During the work, the Multistate Trust expects to construct a temporary parking lot to provide additional parking options for residents and guests who may not be able to park at Scott-Dickerson Homes during the parking lot's partial closure. The Multistate Trust will also be providing shuttle service for Scott-Dickerson Homes residents.

Were there health risks associated with the contamination that was in soil at Scott-Dickerson Homes? Have those risks been addressed?

Prior to the recently completed excavation work, there was a potential for exposure to Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH)-contaminated soil from Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation's past wood treating operations through ingestion, contact with skin, or inhalation of airborne dust. The Multistate Trust completed the excavation work at Scott-Dickerson Homes to address this potential for exposure. As part of the work, the impacted soil was removed to a maximum depth of five feet. Excavation areas were then covered with clean soil and grass or sod was planted, creating a barrier to prevent future exposure.

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).

How did the Multistate Trust know where to excavate? Where and how was sampling for the excavation work performed? How was the excavation effectiveness confirmed?

The Multistate Trust, under the oversight and approval of LDEQ, conducted a series of investigations to build on data initially collected by the former Site owners, including Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation. Through its investigation, the Multistate Trust found soil contamination on the Site and in areas around Scott-Dickerson Homes, on neighboring properties on Scott and Dickerson Streets, and in nearby ditches.

In order to identify areas for excavation, the Multistate Trust compared the results of soil samples collected from Scott-Dickerson Homes to cleanup levels called "RECAP standards" which were established and approved by LDEQ under LDEQ's Risk Evaluation and Corrective Action Program (RECAP). The Multistate Trust excavated soil in all areas where sampling results were above RECAP standards. Soil was excavated down to two or five feet in order to protect residents and utility workers from direct contact with contaminated soil.

Once excavation work was complete, samples were collected from the walls and floors of each excavation area. The Multistate Trust compared those results to the RECAP standards to confirm whether additional excavation might be needed. Where these "confirmation samples" exceeded RECAP standards and there was room to excavate further in areas uncovered by buildings and without impacting utilities, additional soil was removed down to a maximum depth of five feet.

How were the cleanup levels developed? How do we know that these levels are safe?

LDEQ's RECAP provides an approach to establishing safe cleanup levels or "RECAP standards." For this Site, RECAP standards were established and approved by LDEQ in accordance with LDEQ's RECAP procedures using standard regulatory practices, which incorporate multiple assumptions and safety factors designed to prevent adverse health effects if a person is exposed. These methods incorporate scientific studies that have been conducted to evaluate the potential for health effects. Combining the scientific literature with the safety factors, the LDEQ regulators have concluded the cleanup levels are safe. When the work is finished, the Multistate Trust will submit a report to LDEQ for its review and approval.

Does the Multistate Trust take soil samples from underneath homes?

The Multistate Trust has not collected samples from beneath homes. Concrete slabs under most homes act as a barrier that prevents contact and exposure. PAHs are also not very volatile and are not expected to enter homes through the concrete, cracks in the slab, or other entry points at levels that would pose a health risk. If you live in a home in the neighborhood near the Site where the floor does not act as a physical barrier, where there is no concrete surface below the floor, or if soil is visible under the floor, please contact Claire Woods at cw@g-etg.com or (910) 765-7237.

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The Multistate Trust is performing additional sampling in residential yards north of Green Street and south of the Main Property. When will this additional sampling take place?

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At community meetings in 2021, residents expressed concerns that ditches may have flooded into additional residential areas, potentially spreading contamination further into the community beyond areas that had been investigated. Based on these first-hand historical accounts, the Multistate Trust is sampling additional properties in three residential areas located along: (1) Green Street and Scott Street between Dickerson Street and just west of Ward Street, (2) Green Street west of Hamilton Road, and (3) Carver Street, south of the Site.

The additional residential soil sampling is expected to occur in two phases. The first phase, during which 31 samples were collected from 18 properties, was completed in February 2023. An additional 28 locations (on 24 properties) are eligible to be sampled during the second phase. The second phase is expected to occur later in 2023, once the Multistate Trust is able to obtain permission from additional property owners. If you would like the soil on your property to be sampled, please reach out to the Multistate Trust to find out if your property is eligible.

What are the Multistate Trust's plans for the excavation/cleanup activities on the Site?

In order to minimize potential exposure to residents, the Multistate Trust is investigating and cleaning up soil contamination in the residential neighborhood close to the Site before addressing on-Site contamination. Once the residential cleanup is complete, and likely beginning in 2023 and 2024, the Multistate Trust will evaluate and propose cleanup options for the Site.

The cleanup levels that can be achieved at the Site will inform future redevelopment opportunities, which could include potential industrial or commercial reuses. Any future use must be consistent with any land use restrictions that may be required because of environmental conditions. To learn more about options for the cleanup and to share ideas about potential future Site reuses, please contact Claire Woods at 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 tronoxortrust@epiglobal.com. You can also visit its website at www.tronoxortrust.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 or (910) 765-7237. If you have questions for LDEQ, please contact paula.sen@la.gov, (318) 676-7521.

Please also consider attending one of our community meetings, held several times a year near the Site at Red River Missionary Baptist Church, 1831 Scott Street, Bossier City. For more information about the Site and upcoming events, please visit our website: bossiercity.greenfieldenvironmental.com

