

Davis Timber Superfund Site Open House Meeting

November 8, 2001, 6 PM – 8 PM
Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention Center
1 Convention Center Plaza
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

The Davis Timber Superfund Site is a former timber processing and wood preserving facility on Jackson Road, about 6 miles northwest of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in Lamar County.

The first public health assessment conducted by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) related to the Davis Timber site was a 1993 health assessment for Country Club Lake Estates. Residents of the community had expressed their concerns to representatives of the state of Mississippi. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, on behalf of the residents, then petitioned ATSDR to investigate.

In the 1993 assessment, ATSDR concluded that consumption of fish from nearby streams and lakes presented a human health risk. Agency recommendations at that time supported the following methods of reducing exposure to site-related contaminants:

- Ban the consumption of fish from nearby streams and lakes
- Restrict access to the site, and
- Contain off-site migration of contaminants via surface water runoff and erosion of soil.

ATSDR recommended additional sampling and analysis of soil, sediment, surface water, groundwater, and fish. The agency also committed to re-evaluating the public health recommendations when new information became available.

Since the completion of the public health assessment in 1993, additional testing of soil, sediment, and fish has been completed. In June 2001, the state of Mississippi lifted its 1987 ban on the consumption of fish caught in waters near this site.

ATSDR is in the process of re-evaluating the 1993 health assessment. As a part of the re-evaluation, representatives of the agency, along with representatives of EPA, will meet with members of the community near the Davis Timber site to gather their comments and learn their current concerns about the site. All residents and interested parties are invited to attend.

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