

Community Engagement



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Multistate Trust Community Engagement Overview

- ✓ The Multistate Trust is committed to involving communities in the cleanup and redevelopment of the former Kerr-McGee sites
- ✓ Goals of Multistate Trust community engagement programs:
 - Share information and be transparent
 - Seek input and allow time for meaningful contribution
 - Actively and respectfully listen to concerns and suggestions
 - Encourage broad participation and engagement from residents, community leaders, and other stakeholders
 - Encourage community members to take leadership roles
 - Use plain, accurate language in all communications—written and oral
 - Slow down to allow community members time to engage and provide input
 - Develop constructive, community-based solutions to challenges
- ✓ An engaged community can help the Multistate Trust meet its overall remediation and redevelopment goals



Multistate Trust Programs Designed to Achieve Community Engagement Goals

- ✓ Hold regular, in-person community meetings where possible
- ✓ Offer easy telephone/in person access to real, live people who can offer support and information
- ✓ Distribute factsheets, community surveys, and other written materials
- ✓ Foster partnerships and relationships with local organizations, community leaders, and local governments
- ✓ Host other community events and gathering opportunities
- ✓ Maintain Site-specific websites to share information and seek input



Community Meetings

- ✓ Regularly scheduled community meetings, with in person and virtual options
- ✓ Accessible locations, with food where helpful to increase participation
- ✓ Drop-in sessions for those who cannot attend community meetings
- ✓ Pre- and post-meetings with government leaders, community advocates, and residents



Small-Group Meetings

- ✓ Small-group, topic-specific meetings:
 - Contractor information sessions
 - Training opportunities for local contractors
 - Redevelopment planning open houses, listening sessions, focus groups, etc.



EPA Super JTI Contractor Training
in Columbus



Contractor Information
Session in Navassa



Redevelopment Planning
in Columbus



Access to Real People

- ✓ Hotline during certain construction activities
- ✓ Personal phone numbers on all materials
- ✓ Door-to-door canvassing
- ✓ One-on-one communications and document review with residents
- ✓ Retention of community liaison
- ✓ Communications logging, tracking, and timely follow-up



Former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Wood Treating Facility
Bossier City, Louisiana

Seeking Community Liaison

The Multistate Environmental Response Trust (Multistate Trust) seeks a part-time community liaison to help share information with and seek input from residents about ongoing soil excavation work to address contamination related to the former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Wood Treating Facility (the Site).

The community liaison's activities will include:

- Communicating with residents impacted by excavation work
- Sharing community member concerns with the Multistate Trust
- Canvassing door-to-door to share information and resources
- Assisting with outreach events and community meetings
- Identifying local businesses and vendors to support the Multistate Trust's local contracting goals
- Building relationships with residents, local leaders, and stakeholders

Candidates must be from or live in Bossier City, preferably close to Scott, Green, Dickerson, Ward, Cox, or Carver Streets.

The Multistate Trust will offer competitive hourly compensation for a six-month, part-time term.



If interested, please submit by Wednesday, June 22, 2022, a short written or verbal statement of interest to Claire Woods at cw@g-etg.com or (910) 765-7237.

For more information on the Site and the Multistate Trust, visit BossierCity.GreenfieldEnvironmental.com



Written Materials

- ✓ Fact sheets and newsletters
- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions
- ✓ Community notices
- ✓ Community surveys
- ✓ Press releases
- ✓ Air monitoring data and other reports
- ✓ Written presentations and recordings

Former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Wood Treating Facility
Bossier City, Louisiana
April 2022

Ongoing Soil Excavation Work

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) and Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC, Trustee of the Multistate Environmental Response Trust (the Multistate Trust), are working to address environmental contamination near the former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Wood Treating Facility in Bossier City, Louisiana (the Site).

Excavation work to remove soil affected by contamination from the Site began in February 2022 and is expected to be complete in August 2022. The work is happening in areas around Scott-Dickerson Homes, on nearby properties, and in the ditch along the railroad tracks, east of Scott-Dickerson Homes. Soil is being removed to a maximum depth of 3 feet. The Multistate Trust obtained permission from property owners for this work.

Site Background and History

The Site is located at 520 Hamilton Road, near the intersection of Hamilton Road and Green Street about 0.5 mile north of Interstate 20 in Bossier City (Figure 1). The Site was used by Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation and its predecessors for wood treatment operations from 1930 to 1987. During the facility's years of operation, creosote and other chemicals were used to process wood products. Contaminated wastewater from the operation was allowed to migrate off-site, through a series of ditches.

The facility was decommissioned in 1988. Kerr-McGee transferred the Site to Tronox LLC in 2005. After Tronox filed for bankruptcy, ownership and management of the Site were transferred to the Multistate Trust in 2011.

Community Meetings

LDEQ and the Multistate Trust host quarterly community meetings to share information about the Site and provide updates about the ongoing excavation work. During community meetings, residents can learn about the Site, provide input, and have their questions answered. Advance notice of all community meetings is published in local newspapers, distributed by email, and sent to the Multistate Trust's mailing list.

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EPA **DEQ**

Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp – Navassa Superfund Site
Navassa, North Carolina

June 2022 Community Meetings

Navassa Community Center, 338 Main Street
Monday, June 13, 2022
Redevelopment Planning Drop-in Session
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (in-person only)

Redevelopment Planning Meeting
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (in-person and virtual)

Topics will include:

- Update on the Moze Heritage Center Land Donation
- Recommendations from the Reuse Advisory Council

Tuesday, June 14, 2022
EPA Operable Unit 2 Proposed Plan Public Meeting
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (in-person and virtual)

Topics will include:

- EPA overview of Operable Unit 2 Proposed Plan
- Public comment and questions about Operable Unit 2

Operable Unit 2 Proposed Plan is available here:
<https://tinyurl.com/NavassaOU2ProposedPlan>

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NEWS LETTER

Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp – Columbus Superfund Site
Columbus, Mississippi
August 2021

Stormwater Ditch Removal Action and Improvements Are Complete

Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC, trustee of the Multistate Environmental Response Trust (Multistate Trust) has completed the stormwater ditch removal action and improvements between Watenworks Road and Moss Street southeast of the Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp. Columbus Superfund Site (the Site) in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) December 2019 Time Critical Action Memorandum. In addition to removing creosote-contaminated soils, the new ditch sections and culverts should carry more water out of the neighborhood and reduce the chance of flooding.

1,967 Tons of soil were removed and disposed at Golden Triangle Regional Landfill

2,899 Tons of soil meeting EPA industrial cleanup criteria are stockpiled in OU-3 on Former Main Plant Area

Columbus received over 32 inches of rain between March and June 2021 – which is 13 inches more for that period than during a typical year.

Severe weather and heavy rainfall events slow the progress of all cleanup and field work activities.

Figure 1: The Site in Bossier City, Louisiana

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

Frequently Asked Questions, October 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 (collectively, Kerr-McGee) treated railroad ties with a mixture of creosote and fuel oil from 1930 to 1987. The Site was decommissioned in 1988, and all surface structures were 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-site and off-site.

The 223-acre Site consists of two parcels: (1) the Main Property (also known as the East Property), which includes 126 acres east of Hamilton Road, where most of the wood treatment and processing is believed to have occurred; and (2) the West Property, which covers 16 acres west of Hamilton Road. The West Property was used primarily for wood storage and other activities.

Who currently owns the Site?

Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC, trustee of the Multistate Environmental Response Trust, owns the Site.

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

The Multistate Trust is a private, independent environmental response trust created as part of the 2011 Tronox bankruptcy settlement. Appointed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, the Multistate Trust is responsible for owning, investigating, cleaning up, and facilitating reuse(s) of hundreds of former Tronox/Kerr-McGee sites, including this Site in Bossier City under Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) oversight.

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-site and off-site).

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Bossier City, Louisiana

TEMPORARY POWER OUTAGE

Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) is raising electric lines at Scott-Dickerson Homes.

Your building is scheduled for a power outage tomorrow for 3 to 6 hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SWEPCO is completing this work to allow the Multistate Trust, under the oversight of LDEQ, to excavate soil contamination associated with the Former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Wood Treating Facility.

For more information, please contact:

SWEPCO 24-hour Phone Number: (888) 218-3919
Multistate Trust: Claire Woods
cw@g-eti-g.com, (910) 765-7237

LDEQ: Paula Sen
paula.sen@la.gov, (318) 676-7521

Visit our website for up-to-date information:
BossierCity.GreenfieldEnvironmental.com

Former Tronox/Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp – Columbus Superfund Site, Columbus, Mississippi

The Multistate Trust Cannot Pay Personal Injury or Property Claims

The Multistate Environmental Response Trust (Multistate Trust) was created to clean up Kerr-McGee contamination in soil and groundwater.

Multistate Trust funds can be used **only** to clean up contamination, manage the former Kerr-McGee property, and prepare for safe, beneficial Site reuse.

The Multistate Trust cannot pay personal claims – such as health/medical claims or property damage claims – related to Kerr-McGee contaminants.

Questions About Personal Injury or Property Claims

If you have questions about personal injury (health or medical) claims or property damage claims, contact the Tronox Tort Claims Trust at (800) 753-2480 or tronoxorttrust@epiaglobal.com. Visit the website at www.tronoxorttrust.com.

Questions About Environmental Investigations, Contaminant Cleanup and Site Reuse

If you have questions about cleanup, environmental investigations, and future Site reuse, contact the Multistate Trust:

Claire Woods, cw@eti-g.com, (910) 765-7237
For more information, visit the website at Columbus.GreenfieldEnvironmental.com.

This fact sheet was originally published in April 2019 and was updated in April 2022.



Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC
Trustee of the Multistate Environmental Response Trust

Written Materials – Technical/Cleanup Plans

- ✓ Planning documents designed to protect health and safety of residents and workers and to minimize disturbance to the community include:
 - Health and Safety Plan
 - Work Plan/Excavation Plan
 - Utilities Identification Plan
 - Air Monitoring Plan
 - Dust and Odor Control Plan
 - Noise Control Plan
 - Transportation and Disposal Plan/Traffic Control
 - Decontamination Plan
 - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
 - Landscape Maintenance Plan
- ✓ Plans are based on industry standards but include details specific to the work
- ✓ Plans of most potential interest to communities are posted on the Site-specific websites



Sharing Written Materials

- ✓ Email distribution
- ✓ USPS mailings
- ✓ On-Site message boards
- ✓ Door-to-door canvassing
- ✓ Hard copy materials posted at frequented locations (gas stations, libraries, stores, etc.)
- ✓ Materials posted on websites
- ✓ QR Code on select written materials
- ✓ Direct email and phone outreach to churches, schools, and after-school programs
- ✓ Exploring possibility of text alerts



Developing Relationships with Local Governments



Former Columbus Mayor Smith and Lauri Gorton



Bossier City City Council Meeting



Observing Air Monitors with Bossier Parish Police Juror Charles Gray



Columbus Ditch Improvement Project Ribbon Cutting



Site Visit with Navassa Mayor Willis



Community and Stakeholder Partnerships

- ✓ Direct outreach to:
 - Churches
 - Community leaders
 - Schools and daycare programs
 - Colleges and universities
 - Government officials
- ✓ Support for partner organizations (attending events, providing logistics support, offering sponsorship, where possible, etc.)
- ✓ Site visits with residents and other stakeholders



Pre-Juneteenth Celebration
in Bossier City



Site Visit with NCEERC in
Navassa



Site Visit with NAACP
in Bossier City



Community Events



COVID-19 Vaccine Event in Navassa



NAACP Pre-Juneteenth Celebration in Bossier City

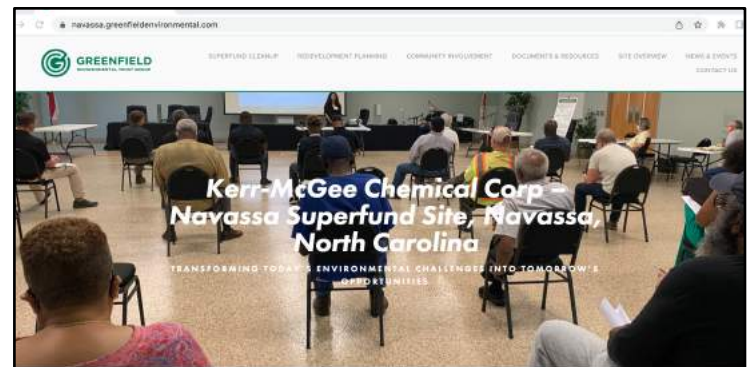
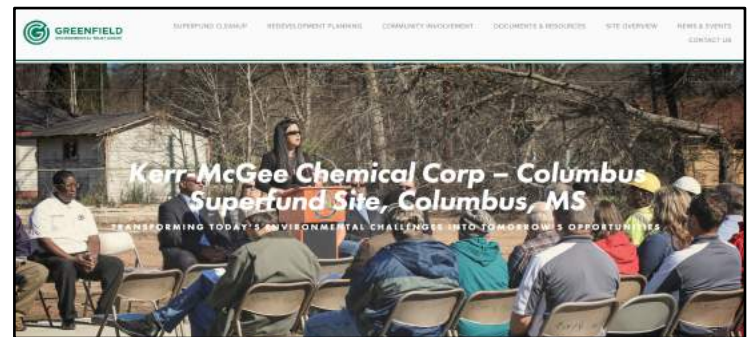
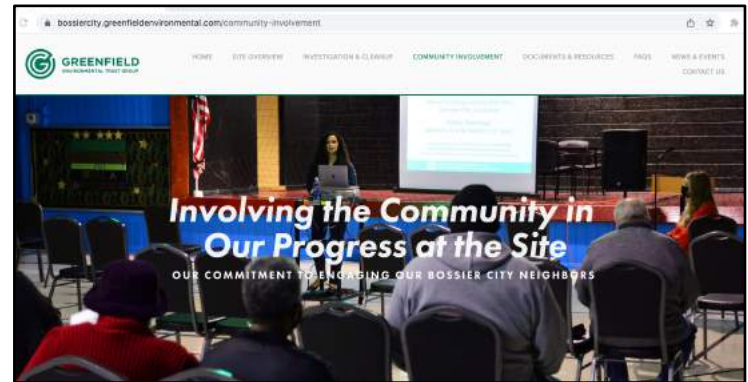


Community-wide fish fry in Columbus



Site-Specific Websites

- ✓ The Multistate Trust maintains websites for each of the Sites within the Environmental Justice Program
- ✓ Our websites serve as an important resource for:
 - Providing public access to historic and current cleanup documents
 - Sharing community meeting materials and video recordings of virtual meetings for those unable to attend
 - Offering updates about upcoming events, activities, plans for the future, and ways residents can get involved



Ongoing Challenges

- ✓ Increasing turnout and interest
- ✓ Earning trust, after decades of frustration
- ✓ Conveying technical information in concise, clear, accurate manner
- ✓ Managing residents' understandable frustration about Tronox Tort Claims Trust's lack of engagement
- ✓ Supporting under-resourced local government and community groups navigating grant programs and identifying funding sources
- ✓ Working with stakeholder groups with divergent interests and views



Questions and Discussion

