

November 10, 2003

Mr. J. I. Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

RE: Picayune Wood Treating, Picayune, Pearl River County

Dear Mr. Palmer:

In response to EPA's letter of October 9, 2003, regarding the Picayune Wood Treating site, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) agrees that EPA should proceed with the National Priorities List (NPL) listing process for the Picayune Wood Treating site.

MDEQ concurs with EPA's position with the understanding that no commitment of financial resources is being made on the part of the State of Mississippi regarding costs associated with a cleanup at the Picayune Wood Treating site at this time. MDEQ is prepared and eager to participate in the assessment and investigation associated with this site.

We look forward to working with EPA in this matter to ensure protection of human health and the environment. Should you need anything further from MDEQ at this time, please feel free to contact me at 601-961-5000.

Very truly yours,

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