

Grenada Mississippi Grenada, Mississippi

JANUARY 2017 UPDATE

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This Presentation Will Cover:

- What EPA is doing in Grenada
- Sampling and results inside the Facility and actions taken
- Health information for workers
- Sampling and results in Eastern Heights
- Next Steps
- External Partners and Technical Support
- Q&A



What EPA is doing in Grenada

- Overseeing cleanup of the former Grenada Manufacturing, LLC facility
 - Former wheel cover manufacturer (1961 2008)
 - Current operator, Ice Industries, is a metal stamping facility
 - Grenada Manufacturing, LLC, the permittee, is bankrupt
 - Meritor conducts environmental work
 - Textron provides financial assurance
 - > LLC, City of Grenada, Grenada County all own portions of land

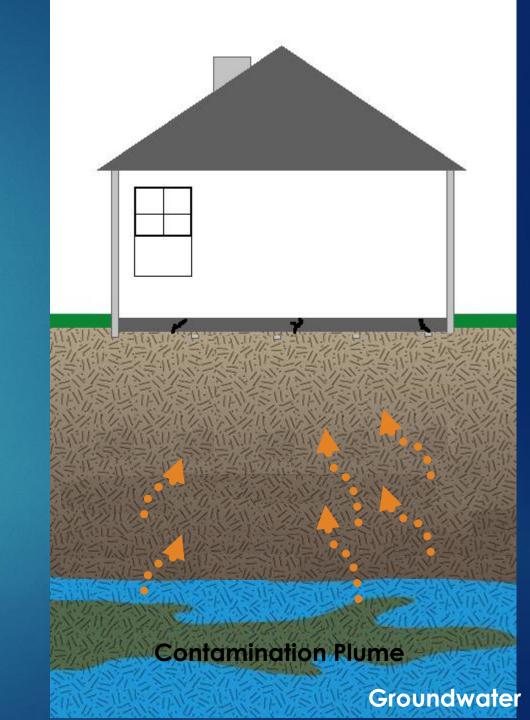
What EPA is doing in Grenada

- Primarily concerned about TCE contamination
 - TCE is a non-flammable, colorless liquid used as a solvent for cleaning metal parts
 - It is a common groundwater contaminant and can remain a long time
 - TCE evaporates from surface water and is commonly found as a vapor in air
 - Health effects of TCE depend upon the pathway, amount, and time length of exposure to the chemical

Vapor Intrusion

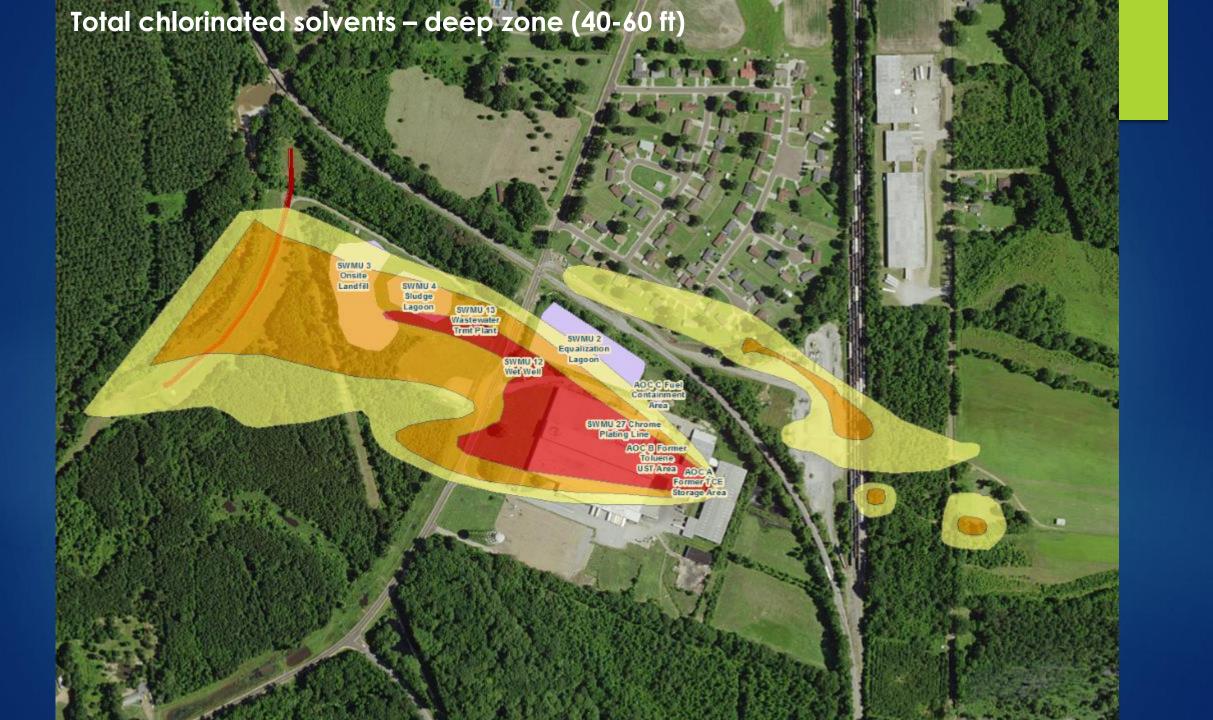
Can depend on:

- Contaminant and concentrations
- Depth to groundwater
- Soil type
- Type of foundation/Integrity
- Air temperature
- Barometric pressure



What EPA is doing in Grenada

- Sampling for TCE contamination in the neighborhood
 - Results indicate no immediate threat to public health
- Sampling for TCE contamination inside the Facility
 - Workers notified of elevated TCE concentrations
 - Immediate actions taken at the Facility to reduce worker exposure



Facility Sampling

• EPA oversaw the sampling performed by the Facility's contractor (Meritor) during the week of October 24, 2016

 On January 3, 2017 EPA received results showing elevated levels of TCE in the Facility's indoor air and areas beneath the concrete foundation



Facility Results

- TCE exceeded the <u>screening level</u> in all indoor air samples
- 5 of 6 sub-slab air samples exceeded the screening level for TCE
- 5 of 11 indoor air samples exceeded EPA's <u>action level</u> for sensitive populations
- One indoor air sample exceeded EPA's action level for non-sensitive populations



Immediate Actions at the Facility

- EPA directed Facility to notify employees
- EPA directed Facility to increase ventilation to reduce indoor air concentrations of TCE
- EPA oversaw a second round of sampling during the week of January 16, 2017
 - Real-time air monitoring indicates the indoor air levels were lowered based on the interim actions taken

Facility Next Steps

- Intermediate measures to address the sub-slab TCE concentrations are being evaluated
- EPA is also working with Facility on long-term measures to treat and eliminate TCE in groundwater (the source)

Health Information for Workers

- If you believe you have been exposed to TCE related to the Facility, consult your doctor
- ATSDR has TCE information available for doctors in Mississippi that explain how it affects your health
- Doctors can contact
 - Mississippi Poison Control Center: (601) 984-5577 or (800) 222-1222
 - Bruce Brackin, MSDH: (601) 576-7725
 - Leann Bing, ATSDR: (404) 562-1784

Neighborhood Sampling

- September 2015
- ▶ January 2016
- March 2016
- ► April 2016
- May 2016
- ▶ September 2016
- November 2016



Residential indoor/outdoor/sub-slab air and groundwater

Outdoor air

Residential indoor/outdoor/sub-slab air

Soil, sediment and groundwater

Residential indoor/outdoor/sub-slab air

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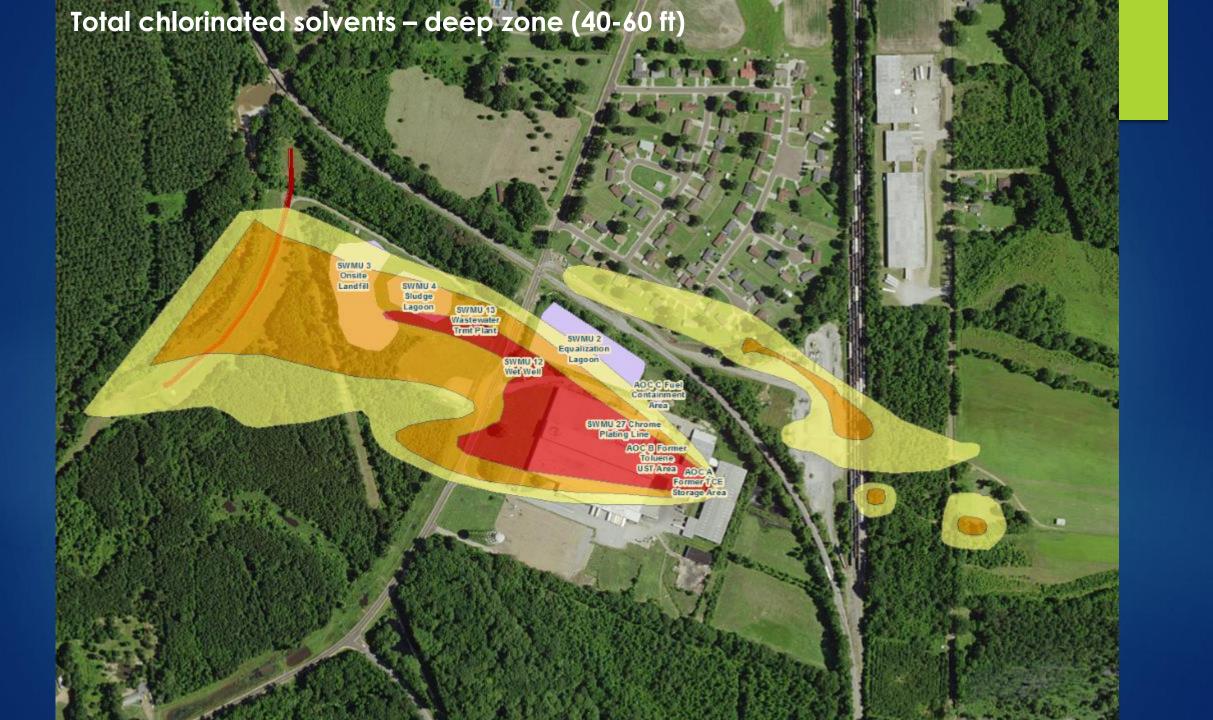




Neighborhood Results

- Groundwater contaminated with TCE underlies the southern portion of the neighborhood
- No one is exposed to the groundwater because it is not a source for drinking water
- EPA did not encounter evidence of buried waste material in any of the 18 soil borings in the neighborhood



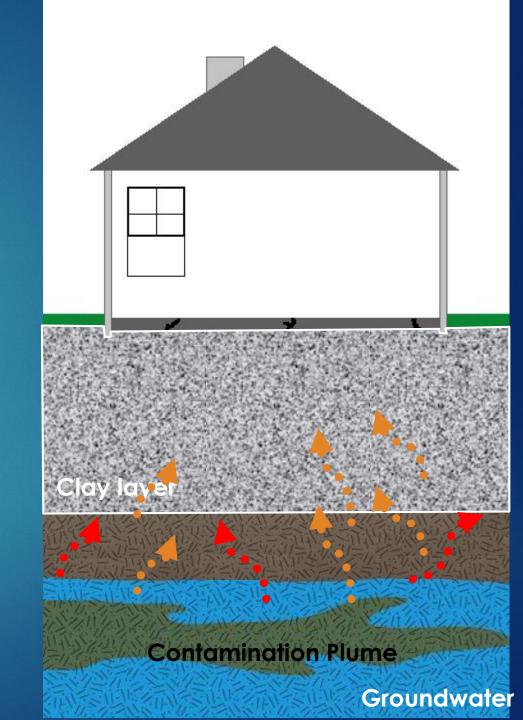


Neighborhood Results

- TCE detected in homes and outdoor air in warmer months
- With one exception, TCE has not been detected in residential sub-slab air
- Based on this, we believe that TCE is not likely entering homes from a below-ground source (e.g. groundwater), but rather through exchange with outdoor air
- Multiple sampling events have not identified the exact source or sources of TCE in outdoor air
- More sampling is planned to identify the source

Neighborhood Results

- An 8'-12' silty clay layer underlies the neighborhood
- We believe this silty clay is preventing TCE vapors from coming up into homes



Is Relocation Being Considered?

- EPA has determined there is no immediate threat to public health and is not considering relocation of any Eastern Heights residents
- Relocation decisions guided by National Superfund Permanent Relocation Interim Policy (July 8, 1999) and applies only in cases where:
- Structures must be destroyed because they interfere with a cleanup
- Structures cannot be decontaminated to protective levels
- Response options require unreasonable use restrictions
- A temporary relocation would last more than one year
- None of these conditions exist in Eastern Heights

Playground Results

- Surface soil at the playground was sampled in areas where children were most likely to come into contact
 - like beneath the swings and at the bottom of the slide
- No TCE or TCE-related chemicals were detected in the soil at the playground
- No elevated metals or organics were detected



Next Steps

- Additional ambient air sampling in neighborhood
- Continued work on Permeable Reactive Barrier and TCE source areas at the Grenada Stamping facility
- Intermediate and long-term actions to address indoor air in facility
- Address groundwater contamination beneath the Eastern Heights neighborhood



External Partners and Technical Support

- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
- Mississippi State Department of Health
- MDEQ
- ► EPA Environmental Response Team
- EPA Office of Research and Development (Oklahoma)
- OSHA

For More Information

All Fact Sheets, reports and analytical data are available on our website:

www.epa.gov/grenada cleanup



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Grenada Manufacturing, LLC, Facility Cleanup and Environmental Study in Grenada, MS

An environmental study is underway in and around Eastern Heights in Grenada, MS to evaluate the possibility that contaminants may be traveling from the former Grenada Manufacturing, LLC, facility (Facility, now Grenada Stamping) or another source into the community. EPA became aware of the potential for contamination while overseeing a cleanup of the Facility under the Resource and Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) program.

This study is part of a precautionary approach to protect public health and the environment. Based on results received to date, EPA has determined that there is no immediate threat to public health in the Eastern Heights neighborhood due to trichloroethene (TCE).

EPA Response

- What EPA is doing in Eastern Heights, Grenada,
 MS
- What the Grenada Manufacturing, LLC, Facility is doing in Grenada, MS
- Sampling Results in the Eastern Heights Neighborhood, Grenada, MS
- Sampling Results at the Grenada Manufacturing, LLC Facility

Fact Sheets and Presentations

- ATSDR Answers to Health Questions
- Information About Your Tap Water
- January 2017 Air Study at Grenada Stamping Fact Sheet
- September 2016 Grenada Manufacturing, LLC,
 Fall 2016 EPA Sampling Activities Fact Sheet
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