

# PLAINVIEW LUMBER COMPANY

## STATE PRIORITY LIST SITE PLAINVIEW, ARKANSAS



ADEQ  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118



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### **Current Status**

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A mulch bagging operation is currently operating in the PLC portion of the MPPT Site.

The Plainview Lumber Company (PLC) and its subsidiary the Mountain Pine Pressure Treating (MPPT) Site were collectively listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) by the USEPA in April 1999 with final listing in July 1999 as the MPPT Site. Historically, the names have been used interchangeably, adding to some confusion. Additional detailed information concerning the MPPT Site, including the PLC, can be found in the SPL Summary for the MPPT Site.

In 2000, the USEPA selected the MPPT Site, including PLC, as one of 40 new pilots in the second round of the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) Program. The City of Plainview received \$100,000 grant in financial aid for the reuse assessment and public outreach in 2000 from the USEPA.

In 2001, the City of Plainview received a \$50,000 Superfund Technical Assistance Grant (TAG grant) from the USEPA.

In 2003, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce provided \$763,000 and the Arkansas Department of Economic Development (ADED) provided \$334,620 to the City of Plainview for reuse/redevelopment of the MPPT Site including PLC. The Prospect Steel Company is currently operating in the PLC portion of the MPPT Site.

In 2005, the MPPT Site, including PLC, received the Phoenix Award for Community Impact and was recognized at the Brownfields Conference in Denver, Colorado. The MPPT Site, including PLC is the first SRI Site and the first Phoenix Award recipient in Arkansas. The City of Plainview is currently pursuing obtaining new and additional tenants for the remaining portions of the MPPT Site.

## **State Priority List History**

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Prior to the initial closure of the PLC facility in 1986, site conditions posed an imminent threat to human health and the environment due to uncontrolled releases of pentachlorophenol (PCP) and chromated-copper-arsenate (CCA). To help mitigate the releases of PCP and CCA which were causing an imminent threat to human health and the environment, the PLC facility was placed on the State Priority List of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Regulation No. 30. The Plainview Lumber Company Site was removed from the State Priority List in January 2009.

## **Site Description**

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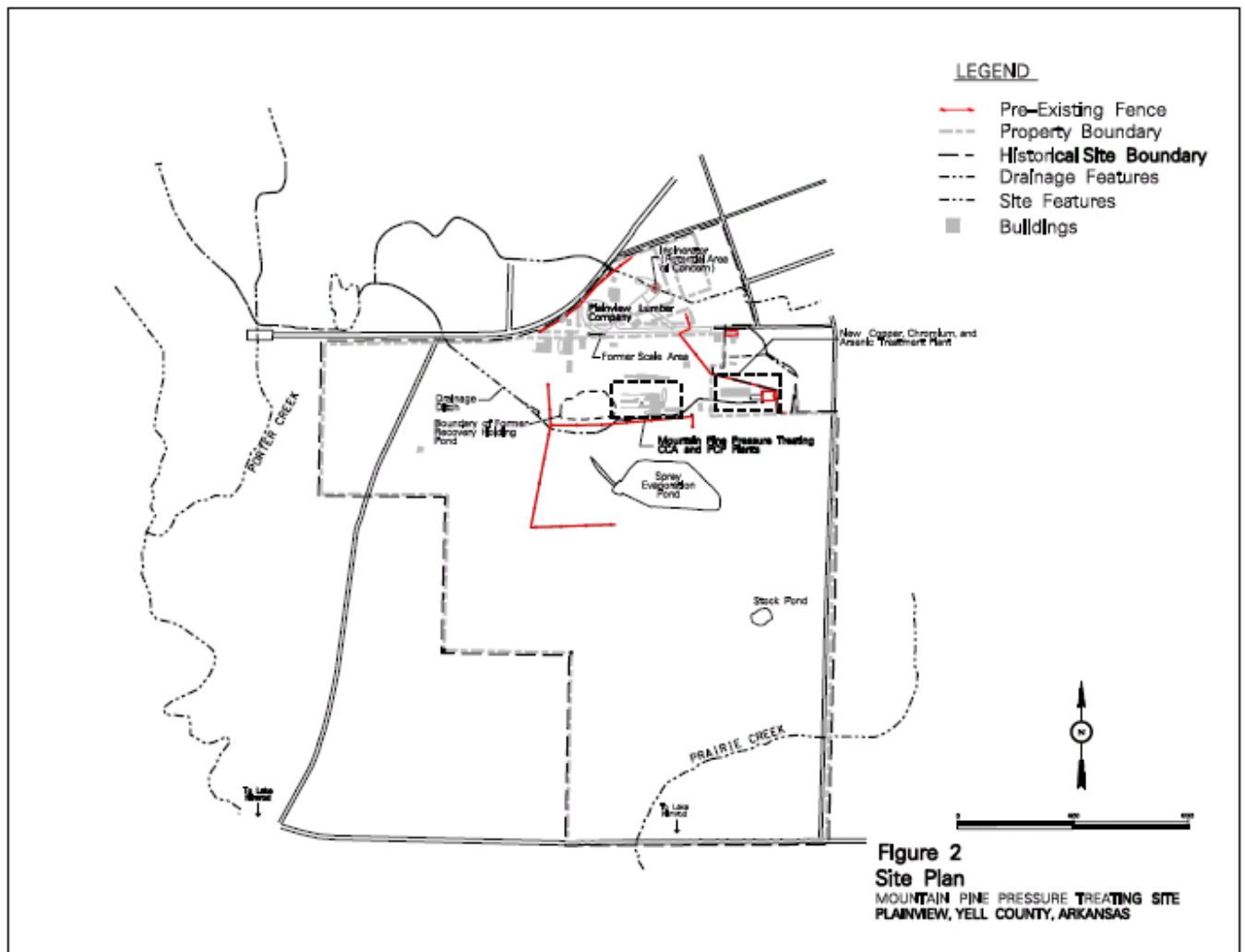
**Location:** The PLC is located on the southwestern edge of Plainview, Yell County, Arkansas (34°59'00" north latitude and 93°18'12" west longitude). The PLC is located in the northern portion of the MPPT Site, a 95 acre tract of property which encompasses 45 acres of timberland and 50 acres of grassland. The property is bordered on the north by Arkansas State Highway 28; on the east by Plainview, Arkansas; on the south by grass and woodlands; and on the west by Sunlight Bay Road.

**Population:** Plainview = 685, Yell County = 17,601.

**Setting:** The MPPT Site consists of three contiguous abandoned facilities: (1) the Plainview Lumber Company (PLC) in the northern area of the site; (2) the Mountain Pine Pressure Treating (MPPT) pentachlorophenol (PCP) and chromated-copper-arsenate (CCA) plants in the central area of the site; and (3) the "new" CCA Treatment Plant (CCATP) in the eastern area of the site. The PLC operated as a business involving the sale of raw and treated lumber from 1965 to 1986. The MPPT plants, a subsidiary of PLC, operated as a wood treating facility from 1965 to 1986. The CCATP operated as a wood treating facility from 1980 to 1986, and reopened briefly in 1989 but operational conflicts brought about closure.

**Hydrology:** Topography at the site is relatively flat with gentle east to west slopes. Surface water drains toward the western and eastern edges of the site, toward the perennial Porter Creek and Prairie Creek, respectively, which both eventually enter Nimrod Lake less than a mile south of the site. Nimrod Lake is the sole source of drinking water for the City of Plainview, and it also serves as a recreational and commercial fishing area. The site is not located in the 100-year flood plain.

Site Diagram:



Site Photos:



Prospect Steel Company located on the former Plainview Lumber Company property.

## **Waste and Volumes**

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The PLC facility operated as a sawmill to provide raw lumber for the PCP and CCA wood treatment processes at the MPPT facility. The treated lumber was then moved to the storage yard of PLC to await sale and shipment to the customers. Any excess solution not drained at the end of the treatment process at the MPPT facility would drain in the storage yard.

The USEPA proposed listing the MPPT Site which included the PLC on the National Priorities List (NPL) in April 1999 with final listing in July 1999. Additional detailed information concerning the Remedial Investigation (RI) and Remedial Action (RA) can be found in the SPL Summary for the MPPT Site.

## **Health Considerations**

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Based on historic data, certain contaminants associated with the historical wood treating operations at the MPPT Site, including PLC were identified. Additional information can be found in the SPL Summary for the MPPT Site.

## **ADEQ Response Actions**

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The USEPA proposed listing the MPPT Site, which included the PLC, on the National Priorities List (NPL) in April 1999 with final listing in July 1999. Additional detailed information concerning the Remedial Investigation (RI) and Remedial Action (RA) can be found in the SPL Summary for the MPPT Site. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) will include long-term groundwater monitoring.

## **ADEQ Anticipated Future Activities**

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Any future activities by ADEQ at the PLC will be included in those activities conducted at the MPPT Site; (i.e., O&M including long-term groundwater monitoring). In addition, institutional controls (ICs) in the form of deed restrictions or city ordinance to prevent excavation and well installation in the areas of remediation will be implemented. Additional detailed information concerning future activities by ADEQ can be found in the SPL Summary for the MPPT Site. The Plainview Lumber Company Site was removed from the State Priority List in January 2009.

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