



**POPILE, INC. SUPERFUND SITE  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment  
Division of Environmental Quality  
Fourth Five-Year Review of Site Remedy  
November 2020**

The Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is conducting the fourth five-year review of the remedy for the Popile, Inc. Superfund Site (the Site) in El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas. The Site is an inactive 41-acre wood preserving operation that operated from 1947 to 1982. The Site is located approximately 1 mile south of El Dorado bordered by South West Avenue (also Southfield Road), the Ouachita Railroad, Bayou de Loutre, and a forested highland area. Nearby land uses are generally rural and residential/commercial, although no homes are located along the site perimeter.

The Site included surface impoundments and a sludge pit that were closed under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) in 1984. The primary contaminants found at the Site included pentachlorophenol (PCP) and creosote compounds associated with wood treatment.

The site-wide remedy consists of a groundwater monitoring program designed to ensure static conditions of wood preserving chemicals within the Cockfield aquifer in support of a Technical Impracticability (TI) Waiver, the stabilization of contaminated soil and sludges into two clay-lined holding cells, a 0.9 acre engineered cap designed to prevent infiltration, and institutional controls to prevent drilling and excavation.

The five-year review will evaluate the implementation and performance of the remedy in order to determine if the remedy is and will continue to be protective of human health and the environment. The five-year review is scheduled for completion by September 2021, and the report will be made available to the public at the following local information repository:

Barton Library  
200 E 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
El Dorado, AR 71730  
(870) 863 -5447

Site status updates are available online at: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/popile>

Any person who wishes to comment must do so via mail or hand delivery of written comments, including commenter name and address, to DEQ at the following address:

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All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on December 15, 2020. All media inquiries should be directed to the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment's public outreach division at (501) 683-6977 or at [EE-Press@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:EE-Press@adeq.state.ar.us).

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020

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