



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY- REGION 4  
**HERCULES, INC. SITE**  
HATTIESBURG, FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI



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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Information Repositories**

Library of Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest County  
329 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

<http://www.epa.gov/region4/foiaps/readingroom/index.htm>

[www.deq.state.ms.us](http://www.deq.state.ms.us) – Office of Community Engagement/  
Announcements/Cleanup of Contaminated Sites

**COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**Phase I Sampling is Underway**

Phase I field investigations are underway at the Hercules, Inc. site. These investigations include sampling of surface water, sediment, groundwater, soil, and soil gas. Private wells were also sampled during these investigations, which began on February 27, 2012. Continued off-site sampling required by the Phase I Work Plan will take place during the spring and summer months.

For more detailed information about Phase I activities, the approved Phase I Work Plan can be viewed at the information repositories listed in the column to the left. You may also phone, write, or email one of the contacts in the left-hand column at any time if you have questions or comments about this work.

Comments on the Phase I Work Plan were solicited from the community from December 23, 2011 through February 6, 2012. These comments are being addressed in the Phase II Work Plan, which is currently being reviewed by EPA and MDEQ. Approval of the final Phase II Work Plan is expected by summer 2012 and will be shared with the community at that time.

**Background:** As required by a May 9, 2011 Administrative Order from the EPA, Hercules is undertaking an investigation of potential on- and off-site contamination at or from the Hercules facility. On December 9, 2011, the EPA and MDEQ approved the final Phase I Work Plan for the Hercules, Inc. site. The purpose of Phase I of this investigation is to determine whether any immediate risks to human health are currently occurring from chemicals that may have been released from the Hercules property. The approved Phase I Work Plan outlines the focused sampling of drinking water, groundwater, surface water, soil, soil gas, and sediment on- and off-site near the Hercules facility. Phase II will focus on assessing the full nature and extent of contamination.

**Next Steps:** The following activities are anticipated to occur during 2012:

- Continue Phase I sampling of soil, surface water, sediment, groundwater, and soil gas during spring 2012.
- Finalize and approve the Phase II Work Plan by summer 2012.
- Begin Phase II investigation activities after approval.
- Communicate Phase I sampling results to the public when available (expected fall of 2012).

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Mailing List Additions/Corrections

If you would like to make a correction/revision or refer someone to the mailing list for the Hercules site, please complete this form and return it to:

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