

Suggested Interview Questions
Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation Site
Navassa, North Carolina

1. What are your names and former position at the Kerr-McGee plant?
2. What years did you work at the plant?
3. What was your position/job description?
4. What products were manufactured?
5. Describe the operations at the plant other than wood treating. Did they include a saw mill? Maintenance shop? Metal fabrication? If yes, locations of each?
6. What types of wood treating chemicals were used in the process? Do you know if any additives were used (e.g. arsenic or chromium additives)? Do you know if oils were mixed with the creosote?
7. How was the wood seasoned before treatment (typically air dried, kiln dried, vapor dried, or Boulton process [boiling under vacuum with creosote])? If vapor drying was used, what solvent was used in the process?
8. What was the use of the buildings shown in the 1969 aerial?
9. Describe the treatment process. Where were the creosote tanks, additive tanks, pressure cylinders, drip tracks, and treated wood storage located?
10. How was creosote from the treating cylinders captured and recovered?
11. Was waste water generated? If yes, how was it managed, treated or disposed?
12. When was the pump between the wastewater ponds and the evaporation pond operated? Was there a pipe (above or below ground) between the ponds or was flow through an open ditch?
13. How was the wastewater transported from the production area to the wastewater pond (ditches or piping)?
14. What are the features circled in red on the 1966 aerial photo?
15. Were any plant activities conducted on the northwestern portion of the property (near the residences)?
16. Did you ever see creosote outside the process area? Drip tracks?
17. Stormwater drainage?
18. How was waste managed? Was there any on-site disposal? If yes, what type of waste and where?
19. Are you aware of any chemical releases or disposal on-site? If yes, explain what type of chemical, the nature of the release, and location? Was there any cleanup activity conducted?
20. Were there any plant modifications, construction, demolition that occurred to your knowledge? If yes, describe.
21. How deep were the various ponds? Were all the ponds the same depth?