
INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: 7/19/01
TO: MICHAEL BOYD
FROM: SHANTA ELIZENBERRY DAVIS
RE: PENICK FOREST PRODUCTS – CREOSOTE DISPOSAL ON 16TH SECTION LAND

On Thursday, July 19, 2001 at 2:10pm, Mr. Gene Penick of Penick Forest Products stopped by the Office of the Governor to get some help with the creosote disposal situation. Penick Forest Products is a small business located on 16th section land in Macon Mississippi. This business uses creosote to treat & preserve wood products.

Mr. Penick would like to burn the creosote spills. Mr. Penick has received contact from Mr. Don Watts of the Department of Environmental Quality and informed, the only acceptable manner of disposal of regulated quantities of creosote waste is through a permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility. Mr. Penick estimate the cost would be \$1,200.00 per cubic yard or \$30,000.00 plus and suggest this method will not keep his 25-30 employees working at his 50 year old wood product facility.

He showed an example of a recreational train ride to and from the states of Colorado and New Mexico that burn about six tons of coal. This train has employees working with the burning coal and has passengers who come in contact with this black smoke. Since this is acceptable, he suggests burning the creosote.

Mr. Penick would like funding for this disposal. In the future, he may wish to sell his company, which is located on 16th section land. He discussed the situation where the State of Mississippi who owns the land, but has not signed any clear deed to the property.

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