

Former Slidell, Louisiana Superfund Site: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Recognizes Excellence in Reuse



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") announced in a May 18th news release that the City of Slidell, Louisiana, ("Slidell") was recognized for its reuse of a federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, Liability Act/Superfund site.

Slidell was recognized for its efforts to reuse the Bayou Bonfouca Superfund site ("Site").

The Site is described as being 54 acres in size and previously contaminated with waste material from a wood-treating plant. It was stated to have been remediated and restored through the Superfund program.

The reuse is described as encompassing a:

- Boat launch
- Park
- New marina

EPA's remediation efforts are described as including:

- Decontamination of 170,000 cubic yards of creosote waste and bayou sediments
- Treatment of 235 million gallons of contaminated groundwater
- Recovery of nearly 9.8 million gallons of creosote

The efforts are stated to have restored 1.5 miles of the bayou. Slidell was the recipient of the restored bayou.

EPA states that the Excellence in Reuse award "celebrates the people and organizations supporting Superfund site reuse through outstanding efforts that go above and beyond cleanup requirements."

A copy of the news release can be downloaded [here](#).