

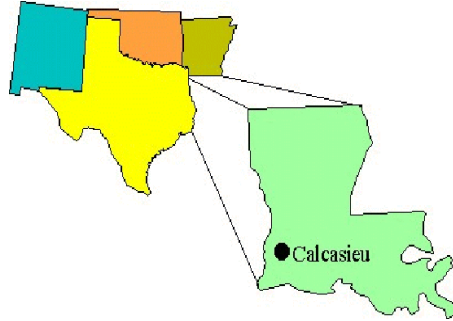
CALCASIEU ESTUARY LOUISIANA

EPA REGION 6 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

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Current Status

The Remedial Investigation report was released by EPA in 2003 and is currently available at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/calcasieu>.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has the lead for the evaluation of remedial options for the Bayou d'Inde area of concern. LDEQ has entered into an agreement with several industries to conduct this study, which is on-going. A Corrective Action Study which will outline potential remedial alternatives for Bayou d'Inde is due in March 2008.

EPA selected a non-time critical removal action for Bayou Verdine and is currently in negotiations with industries along the bayou for the implementation of the action.

Benefits

Addressing the Calcasieu Estuary contamination will ensure protection of the health of people who harvest marine life in the area and protection of the sensitive estuarine environments.

National Priorities Listing (NPL) History

Site Hazard Ranking System Score: Site has not been proposed
Proposed Date: N/A
Final Date: N/A

Location: The Calcasieu Estuary includes, but is not limited to, the area of the Calcasieu River from northern Moss Lake up to the salt water barrier in Lake Charles, including Bayou d'Inde, Bayou Verdine, dredged spoil islands, Clooney and Coon Island Loop, and any other area that may be added pursuant to an investigation of the area.

Population: 56,120 in Lake Charles, Louisiana.
4,988 in Westlake, Louisiana.

Setting: The area is southwest of Lake Charles, LA, in Calcasieu Parish.

Principal Pollutants: Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxin, mercury, zinc, ethylene dichloride, lead, and copper.

Health Considerations:

- The Risk Assessment found that human consumption of fish and shellfish contaminated with PCBs and dioxin presented unacceptable risks.
- The Calcasieu River, Lake Charles, and Prien Lake are estuarine in nature and have been designated for the usage of primary and secondary contact recreational use and the propagation

of fish and wildlife. There are several delineated wetlands considered sensitive environments along Bayou d'Inde, the PPG Canal, and the Calcasieu River.

Record of Decision (ROD)

A ROD has not been issued for the site

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