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Galveston Bay Foundation applauds EPA's agreement with San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site responsible parties International Paper and McGinnis Industrial Waste Management for the next step of the cleanup

Houston, TX – April 9, 2018 – Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) applauds EPA's expedited negotiations and resulting agreement with San Jacinto River Waste Pits responsible parties International Paper and McGinnis Industrial Waste Management to perform a remedial design for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site selected remedy of removal of 212,000 cubic yards of dioxin contaminated material. The remedial design is estimated to take about 29 months to complete. The design work will be performed by the companies under the oversight of EPA and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

GBF has worked to influence and expedite the cleanup for approximately a decade. The waste was first pumped into pits along the San Jacinto River in the mid-1960s. The site has contained a temporary cap for the last several years. Because the site is located in a high energy zone subject to flooding, the cap had repeated maintenance issues and exposed more waste to the San Jacinto River. The agreement between EPA and the responsible parties means that removal of the wastes, the only safe and permanent remedy for this site, moves one step closer.

About Galveston Bay Foundation

Established in 1987, the Galveston Bay Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay as a healthy and productive place for generations to come. It implements diverse programs in land preservation, habitat restoration, water quality and quantity, youth education, and advocacy. For further information, contact the Foundation at (281) 332-3381, visit www.galvbay.org, like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on twitter @GBayFoundation.