



# McCormick & Baxter Superfund Site

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## EPA Continues Remedial Design for Soil, Groundwater and Sediment Contamination

### Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues its remedial design activities for soil, sediment and groundwater contamination at the McCormick & Baxter Superfund Site in Stockton, California. This fact sheet will provide you with an update of completed and upcoming activities. Additional details on the Record of Decision for the site remedy (signed by EPA on March 31, 1999) can be found in EPA's July 1999 fact sheet.

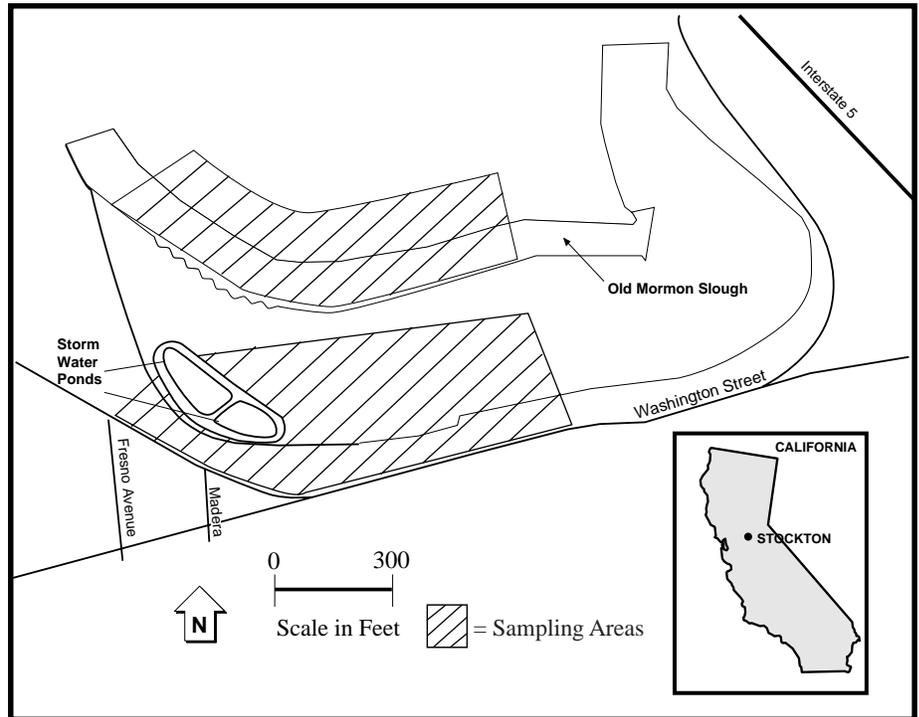


Figure 1: The McCormick and Baxter Superfund Site and Sampling Areas

### What's Happening This Summer

Beginning in June, the EPA will conduct additional sampling in order to complete the design of the soil and sediment remedies, and to propose a final groundwater remedy.

The following activities will be conducted:

- soil and groundwater sampling, including deep soil samples
- non-aqueous phase liquids (NAPLs) investigation
- Old Mormon Slough sediment sampling, by barge
- installation of new monitoring wells

During the summer, there will be trucks and a drilling rig at the McCormick & Baxter site, and on Weber Street properties north of Old Mormon Slough. A barge will be used to collect samples from the Old Mormon Slough. There will be no transport of contaminated soil from the site during these activities. Any dust generated during the sampling will be controlled by spraying the soil surfaces with water, and the air will be periodically monitored on-site. EPA does not anticipate any negative health effects, including noise, to the community resulting from these activities.

### ❓ QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

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# Highlights of EPA's Completed Remedial Design Activity at McCormick & Baxter

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## Sediment Remedy

Sediment cap design completed for the Old Mormon Slough. However, design will be reevaluated after current sampling is finished, and before starting cap construction. Results of last year's sampling of the slough shoreline indicate the southern bank needs to be reinforced before capping the sediment, while the northern bank does not.

## Sampling for Selection of Final Groundwater Remedy [see figure 1, previous page]

Initial phase is completed. Additional sampling to be conducted on the McCormick & Baxter property, north of the Old Mormon Slough, in the Slough and along the Washington Street railroad tracks.

## Interim Groundwater Remedy

Interim remedy (pump and treat) has not yet been constructed because ongoing groundwater sampling indicates the contaminated groundwater plume is not moving very quickly. Instead, EPA will delay *interim* construction and issue a proposed plan for the final groundwater remedy after the new data have been evaluated.

## Steam Technology

Preliminary laboratory studies have been completed. EPA will continue to evaluate this technology as a potential final groundwater remedy.

## Soil Cap

Design will be started in conjunction with the groundwater remedy.

## What's Next?

- \* Sampling should be completed by the end of September 2000
- \* EPA will issue an update in Spring 2001 on the sediment cap, groundwater remedy and soil remedy

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