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**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**ALLIED PAPER, INC./PORTAGE CREEK/KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND SITE  
Response Summary for the Areas Near  
the King Highway Landfill Site  
Kalamazoo, Michigan**

**FACT SHEET**

This fact sheet summarizes interim removal activities performed near the King Highway Landfill. These response activities, performed by Georgia Pacific Corporation, included the excavation of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)-containing sediments and paper making residuals from the Kalamazoo River. The areas are one component of the King Highway Landfill Operating Unit (KHL-OU).

This site is located in the City of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

**Key Facts:**

- the areas totaled approximately 24,200 square feet
- contaminated paper-making residuals were located in an area adjacent to the KHL, toward its western end, along the sheetpiled retaining wall
- approximately 6,000 cubic yards were excavated from August to October 1999

**Excavation Activities:**

- approximately 5,000 cy were excavated (within the perimeter of the sheetpile)
- approximately 1,000 cy were excavated (area approximately 2 ft deep by 5 ft wide) from the Kalamazoo River along the sheetpile wall
- excavated materials were consolidated in Cell 4 of the King Highway Landfill

**Site Restoration:**

After excavation, the area within the sheetpile wall was backfilled using clean material. Along the river 700 feet of riprap was placed on geotextile material for erosion control. Areas within the perimeter of the sheetpile wall were capped with topsoil and seeded with the same seed mix as was placed on the King Highway Landfill.

For more information about the ongoing remedial action or any aspect of the removal action at the King Highway Landfill Site, please contact:

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Excavation of paper-making residuals along King Highway

## Superfund Site History/ Background

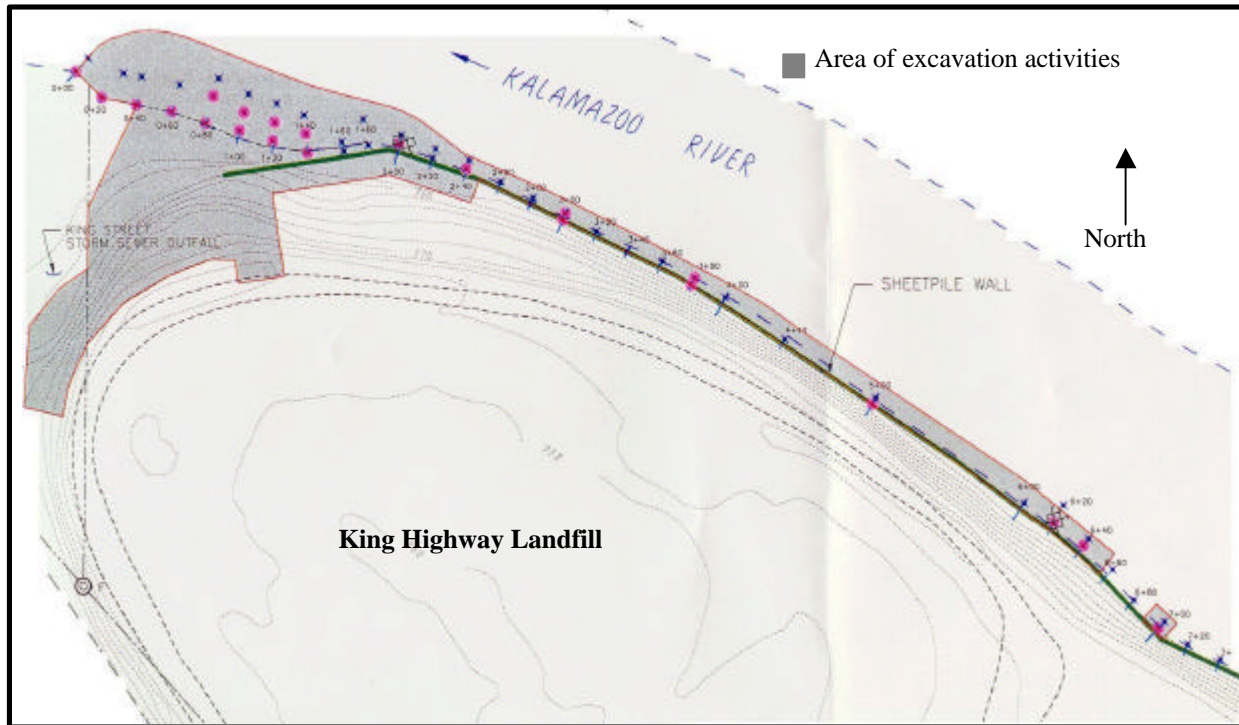
On August 30, 1990 the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/ Kalamazoo River Superfund site was officially included on the National Priorities List (NPL) pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act 1980 PA 96-510.

The site was placed on the NPL list because the soils, sediments, water column and biota in and adjacent to the Kalamazoo River and a three mile stretch of Portage Creek are contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a hazardous substance and possible human carcinogen.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has identified three paper companies as Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). The PRPs are Allied Paper Inc./Millennium Holdings, Inc. (currently Millennium Holdings, Inc.), Georgia-Pacific Corporation, and Simpson Plainwell Paper Company (currently Plainwell, Inc.). All three paper companies, which collectively refer to themselves as the Kalamazoo River Study Group (KRSG), have signed an Administrative Order by Consent with the MDNR and agreed to fund and conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The actions described in this fact sheet were completed under a separate Administrative Order of Consent for the King Highway Landfill. For a detailed history of the site, consult documents in the Information Repositories.

## Areas Adjacent to the King Highway Landfill

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### Information Repositories

**Allegan Public Library**  
331 Hubbard St.  
Allegan, Michigan  
(616) 673-4625

**Charles Ransom Library**  
180 South Sherwood  
Plainwell, Michigan  
(616) 685-8024

**Saugatuck-Douglas Library**  
10 Mixer Street  
Douglas, Michigan  
(616) 857-8241

**Kalamazoo Public Library**  
315 South Rose  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
(616) 342-9837

**Otsego District Library**  
219 South Farmer  
Otsego, Michigan  
(616) 694-9690

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