CEDAR CHEMICAL
Site Briefing

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Introduction

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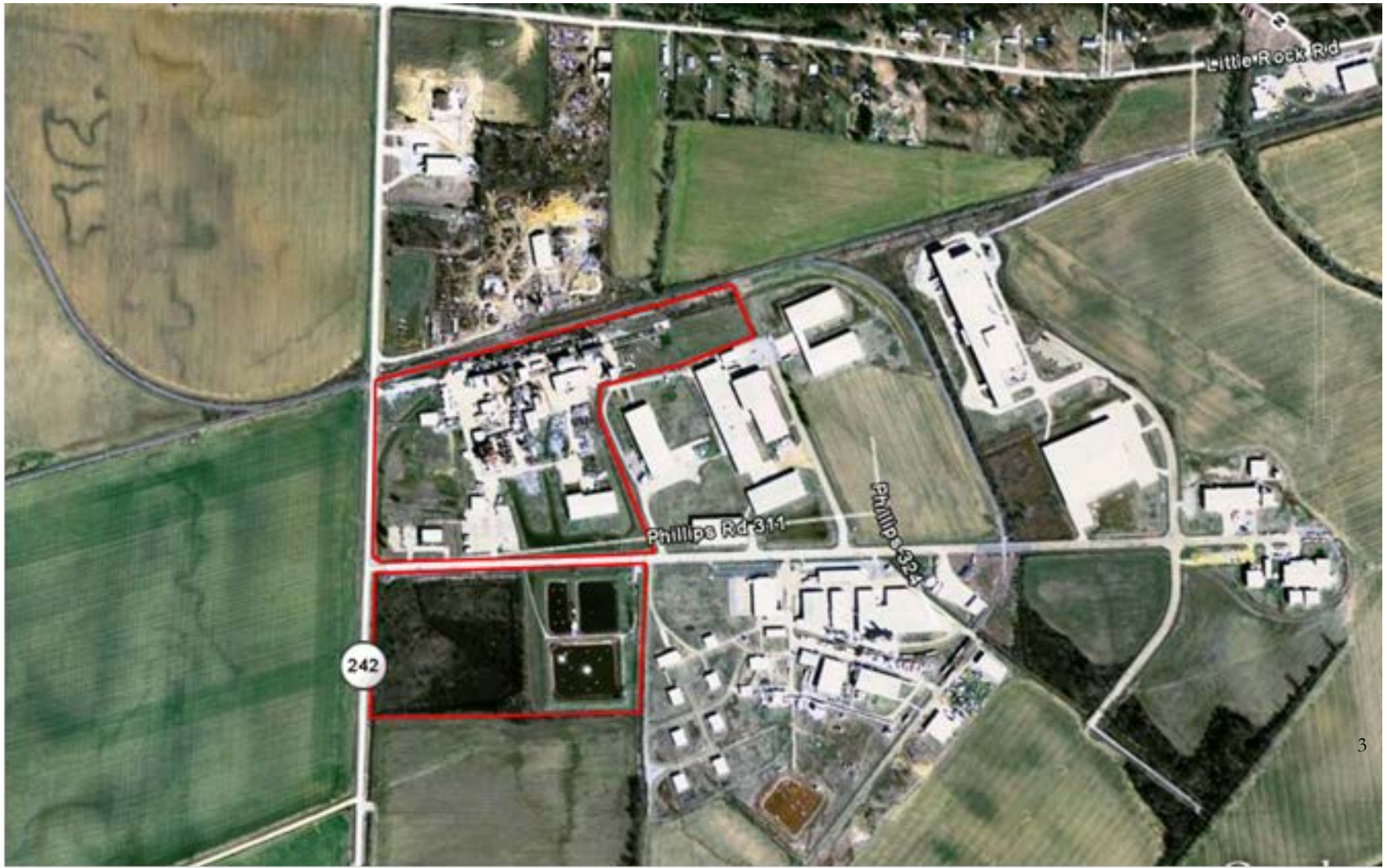
Site Description

- Phillips County, Arkansas, south of West Helena
- 48 acres



Site Operational History

- Facility initially operated by Helena Chemical in 1970
- Operated by Ansul (fka Eagle River Chemical)
- From 1971 to 2002, facility manufactured or processed a variety of agricultural and organic chemicals under various owners and operators.
- Last owner of record was Cedar Chemical Corporation
- March 2002, Cedar Chemical Corporation filed for bankruptcy
- ADEQ assumed control of the facility on October 2002, and currently acts as the caretaker of the facility

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- On March 22, 2007 ADEQ entered into a Consent Administrative Order (CAO) with Ansul Incorporated Helena Chemical Company and Exxon Mobil Chemical
- Respondents developed a Feasibility Study Report (FS) proposing remedies for areas of concern AOCs
- Remedial Action Decision Document was finalized on June 2010
- Presently, Quapaw LLC leases the facility (
- A licensed wastewater operator is employed to direct storm water from the facility into the wastewater treatment system and before it is discharged to the Mississippi River

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NEGOTIATIONS

Special Notice Letters

- December 31, 2013
  - Bayer Corporation, Syngenta, Rhodia, Chevron, Rohm and Haas, ExxonMobil, Helena Chemical, Tyco International
- May 28, 2014
  - FMC, BASF, BP Corporation, BF Goodrich, Dupont
- Rohm & Haas declined to negotiate

NEGOTIATIONS (cont'd)

Initial PRP Meeting

- November 18, 2014, an initial AOC negotiation meeting was held at the Region 6 Office. All PRPs were represented at the meeting
- 3 PRPs made a *de minimis* claim
  - FMC, BF Goodrich, Rhodia

Next Steps

- Marvin will contact PRP chairman for negotiations timeline (within 14 days)
- Establish POC for a negotiations group
- Establish POC for a technical group
- Establish a timeline to complete negotiations and signed AOC.