



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**



**Coleman-Evans
Wood Preserving Site
Whitehouse, Florida**

**CLEANUP ACTIVITIES
PROGRESS UPDATE**

June 2002

General Information:

As part of the site clean-up effort, approximately 500 tree stumps of various sizes will be removed and disposed of, by burning them on site. The following describes the details of the burn operation.

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will wash and sample the stumps to be sure that they are not contaminated. Then the contractor will use a special, high temperature fire-box to burn the stumps. The fire-box will be rented from a commercial supplier, and is designed to burn with almost no visible smoke. This kind of equipment has been used in Florida for burning debris along highway construction projects. It is the cheapest and best way to burn unwanted trees and stumps. The remaining ash will be buried on-site, and will help to fertilize the soil.

During the planning phase of this operation, the USACE contacted the City of Jacksonville and received the "Rules For Open Burning". USACE and the contractors will follow all applicable rules provided by the City of Jacksonville. These are the rules for open burning:

- Wind and humidity will be monitored to prevent a fire or pollution hazard.
- A call will be made Monday-Friday to the City of Jacksonville (630-4900) and Saturday and Sunday to the Division of Forestry (266-5001) to check the burn status for the local county.
- Burning will only be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to one hour before sunset. The fire will be fully extinguished prior to sunset.

- Excessive smoke will not be allowed except for a 30-minute start-up and extinguishment period.
- Burning will not occur within 100 feet from any public road and 300 feet from the nearest occupied building.
- The fire will be attended at all times by a person with the proper equipment to control and extinguish the fire.

Project Schedule:

Complete Excavation & Soil Treatment	Mar 03
Final Site Restoration/Work Complete	July 03

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