

Goodrich may relocate plant site

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Because B.F. Goodrich is "behind schedule" in construction of its \$200 million Bayport facility, company officials are considering other sites and may relocate the proposed plant, according to a Goodrich spokesman.

Robert Downey, manager of

public affairs for Goodrich in Cleveland, Ohio, told the Daily Citizen late Tuesday, company officials are still "interested" in the Bayport site but are considering "other options."

"We're considering alternate sites in Texas and Louisiana. We'll make our decision (on a site) by mid-September," Downey added.

Goodrich officials may relocate

the chlorine facility because they are behind schedule, according to Downey.

"We're behind schedule as a result of the lengthy Texas Air Control Board (TACB) hearings," he said.

The TACB ruled in May that construction permits be issued to

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Goodrich for the proposed facility, east of Highway 146 in Bayport.

Board members voted seven to two that construction permits be issued, but stipulated Goodrich should monitor ethylene dichloride and chlorine emissions in the area

surrounding the proposed site.

Several Bay Area environmental groups and cities, including Seabrook and El Lago, challenged issuance of the permits and were parties to a five-week public hearing on the matter which ended March 7 in Seabrook.

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