

# Hillcrest Community Environmental Investigation



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## HCEI Update

### About the Hillcrest Community

#### Environmental Investigation (HCEI)

The Hillcrest Community Environmental Investigation (HCEI) will determine whether potential environmental sources of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) exist within the Hillcrest community, and whether any identified sources require further evaluation.

#### Phase I

TCEQ initiated Phase I of the HCEI on May 4, 2010. Phase I consists of screening for VOCs by investigating potential vapors emanating from the subsurface in the Hillcrest community. A passive sampling method was selected as it is ideal for screening large areas in environmental investigations.

Geo Strata Environmental Consultants is assisting TCEQ with the HCEI. Beacon Environmental Services is providing the analytical services for Phase I. A detailed copy of the Field Sampling Plan (FSP) is available at the HCEI project website and upon request.

TCEQ plans to present results of Phase I to the community by June 8, 2010 via the project web page and at the upcoming community meeting on June 10, 2010.

#### Background

The TCEQ has been working with the Hillcrest community to define the objectives and design of the HCEI. TCEQ presented a detailed draft FSP for Phase I and solicited comments. The final FSP implemented incorporates recommendations from the community and other stakeholders.

#### Related Remediation Information

The TCEQ Remediation Division's Corrective Action Program oversees the cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination from industrial and hazardous waste sites throughout Texas, including petroleum refi-

neries. The refineries adjacent to the Hillcrest community are actively cleaning up groundwater contamination under the direction and oversight of the Corrective Action Program. The HCEI is working with the Corrective Action Program and other TCEQ programs in order to incorporate the most recent environmental data into all phases of the investigation.

## Announcement

The next community meeting is scheduled for June 10 2010, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM, at the Oveal Williams Senior Center in Corpus Christi. TCEQ staff will present the preliminary data from Phase I. TCEQ will also be providing a project status update and solicit recommendations and feedback on the HCEI. TCEQ staff will be available to provide information on an individual basis after the meeting.

#### Next HCEI Meeting:

Thursday, June 10, 2010

6:30 – 8:30 PM

#### Location:

Oveal Williams Senior Center  
1414 Martin Luther King Drive,

Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-1700

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**HCEI Project Web Page:**

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/tox/research/hillcrest.html#about>

**Procedure to Submit Recommendations**

The TCEQ welcomes public input and recommendations on the HCEI. For consideration ahead of the upcoming community meeting, please submit your contribution by June 9, 2010, via e-mail to:  
[tox@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:tox@tceq.state.tx.us)

**OR**

**Regular mail (postmarked by June 9, 2010):  
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