

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Investigation Report

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Customer: CES Environmental Services, Inc.
Customer Number: CN600618946

Regulated Entity Name: CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Regulated Entity Number: RN100693282

Investigation # 284599	Incident Numbers 41380
Investigator: JAKE SCOTT	Site Classification CONTAINER STORAGE AREA MISCELLANEOUS STORAGE CONTAINERS STORAGE LARGE QUANTITY GENERATOR GENERATOR
Conducted: 06/29/2004 -- 06/29/2004	SIC Code: 1542 NAIC Code: 562219 SIC Code: 4212
Program(s): INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE NONPERMITTED INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE	
Investigation Type: Compliance Investigation	Location:
Additional ID(s): 30900 TXD008950461	
Address: 4904 GRIGGS RD, HOUSTON, TX , 77021	Local Unit: REGION 12 - HOUSTON Activity Type(s): IHWC MPL - Complaint investigation

Principal(s):

Role	Name
RESPONDENT	CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC

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Associated Check List

<u>Checklist Name</u>	<u>Unit Name</u>
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION - IHW	IHW CMPL

Investigation Comments:

Introduction:

On June 16, 2004, the Houston Regional office of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) received a complaint alleging that a storage tank at CES Environmental Services, Inc., located at 4904 Griggs Road, does not appear to have any containment measures in place to effectively inhibit the migration of any spillage, leaks, residue, and so forth, hazardous or not, in relation to the operations of this facility, into and across neighboring and adjacent properties.

Background:

CES Environmental Services, Inc., maintains a current Notice of Registration No. 30900 for truck washing operations and has submitted an application for an industrial non-hazardous solid waste permit (SW - 39048) for the storage, processing, or disposal of non-hazardous industrial solid waste. The facility encompasses approximately 6.29 acres with 32 employees operating 5am to 11pm Monday through Friday and 8am to 4pm on Saturdays. A facility layout diagram has been included as Attachment 1. The facility is bounded to the northeast by Griggs Road, to the northwest by Wayland Road (which is closed and gated), to the southwest by houses, and to the southeast by houses on Gracie Lane. Mr. Clyde Smith of the City of Houston Industrial Wastewater Service was contacted and verified that this facility maintains an industrial discharge permit (No. 6806). The purpose of this investigation was to assess whether or not a tank referred to by the complainant had any containment measures and if the tank was currently discharging or leaking.

Investigation:

On June 29, 2004, Jake Scott and Nicole Bealle, Environmental Investigators for the TCEQ Region 12 Office, conducted a complaint investigation at the above referenced facility. Upon arrival, contact was made with Mr. Sean Easton, Vice President, and Mr. Marlin Moser, Business Manager, who were informed of the nature of the complaint. A site investigation was conducted on the premises with Mr. Easton and Mr. Moser, locating one 10,000-gallon metallic tank (listed as City of Houston Feed Water Tank on facility layout diagram in Attachment 1). This tank is labeled "City Water" and is situated on the southwest portion of the facility next to a fence separating a house on Gracie Lane from the facility property (refer to photograph 1 in Attachment 2). City water is stored in this tank because in order to conduct truck washing operations, the facility needs water at a greater volume and pressure than the 2" city water connection can provide. An investigation of this tank and the ground surrounding this tank documented no visible discharge or standing water (refer to photographs 2 and 3 in Attachment 2), and since this tank does not store any hazardous waste, no containment measures are required. Mr. Easton and Mr. Moser stated that sometime in July or August of 2002, the tank had overflowed incoming city water because a volume regulating float valve inside the tank broke. They affirmed that the tank has not had any further discharges, and presented copies of invoices showing repairs to the float valve and the installation of a control valve (refer to copies of invoices in Attachment 3). A further investigation of the facility property revealed numerous empty storage tanks of differing volume capacities at the rear of the property that are either for sale or used out in the field, according to Mr. Easton. Additionally, six storage tanks located in the southwest portion of the facility, next to the truck washing bays, were observed to be managing used oil, oily water, first flush, and non hazardous sludge (listed as tanks A, B, C, D, E, & F on facility layout diagram in Attachment 1). However, none of these six tanks or any of the storage tanks at the rear of the facility were observed to be leaking or discharging onto the facility or any of the neighboring properties.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

As a result of this complaint investigation conducted at CES Environmental Services, Inc., 4904 Griggs Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77021, it is recommended that this investigation be closed because no observable releases or discharges were noted.

No Violations Associated to this Investigation

Signed

Date _____

Environmental Investigator

Signed

Date _____

Supervisor

Attachments: (in order of final report submittal)

___ Enforcement Action Request (EAR)

___ Maps, Plans, Sketches

___ Letter to Facility (specify type) : _____

___ Photographs

___ Investigation Report

___ Correspondence from the facility

___ Sample Analysis Results

___ Other (specify) : _____

___ Manifests

___ Notice of Registration

