

BALLARD PITS PROPOSED STATE SUPERFUND SITE



Notice of Open House Availability Session

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or agency) will conduct an open house availability session regarding the Ballard Pits Proposed State Superfund site (the Site.)

The Open House Availability Session will be held on:

**Thursday, October 22, 2009
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Calallen Middle School
4602 Cornett Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas**

TCEQ staff will be available to provide information about the Site. This session will be conducted in an informal come-and-go format that provides an opportunity for one-on-one questions and answers between residents and agency employees.

Site Description and Background

The Ballard Pits Site is a property containing sand and gravel pits, some of which were used for storage and disposal of waste material, including oilfield drilling mud and refinery. The Site is located at the end of Ballard Lane, west of its intersection with County Road 73 approximately 5.8 miles north of Robstown in Nueces County, Texas. In January 2006, the Site was proposed to the state Superfund registry and in November 2007, the TCEQ issued a notice of intent to perform a removal action at the site.

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Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este documento o necesita hablar con alguien en espanol, llame al 800-633-9363 y pida hablar con John Flores, el coordinador de relaciones comunitarias.

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Current Status

Three pits containing wastes have been identified. Chemicals of concern in the wastes include volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, metals and polychlorinated biphenyls. Clean up of the West Pit was completed in 2008. Clean up of the East Pit is in progress and approximately 90% completed. An environmental assessment of the North Pit, discovered in August 2009, is underway.

An Ambient Air Monitoring Plan is being implemented in support of removal activities in progress at the East Pit monitoring of residential areas to East Pit removal activities will include the removal of impacted soils in a utility easement and a small section of subsurface soils on two residential properties.

The TCEQ expanded the sampling of neighborhood residential wells and conducted surface water sampling in July and August 2009. Data results indicate no contamination from the site has affected any of these drinking water sources. No contamination has been detected in any of the neighboring private wells sampled to date.

Future Plans

TCEQ intends to continue the remedial investigation of the entire Ballard property. TCEQ remains committed to addressing any threats to human health and the environment posed by the site.

For Additional Information

For additional information, you may call any of the site contacts at the Superfund toll-free line at 800-633-9363, by electronic mail at superfnd@tceq.state.tx.us or by mail at MC-136, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

Additionally, information about this site is available on the TCEQ Superfund website at <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/remediation/superfund/state/ballard.html>. You may request to receive notification of these updates via e-mail by contacting Crystal Taylor, Community Relations Liaison.