

October 2, 2017

Harris Sand Pits

Assessment

TCEQ assessed the site on September 5, 2017 and determined that Post-Hurricane Harvey conditions at the site are consistent with historical site conditions that existed before the hurricane made landfall. No sampling was conducted at the site as it was not impacted by the hurricane.

Site Background

The Harris Sand Pits are approximately 10.5 miles south of San Antonio, at 23340 Highway 16, Von Ormy. The site first operated as a commercial sand and clay quarry, but from 1965 to 1975, two of the sand pits were used as disposal sites for sulfuric acid tar sludge, a petroleum refining waste.

In 1990, the TCEQ issued an administrative order to the potentially responsible parties to conduct the remedial investigation and a feasibility study. Agreeing respondents completed the remedial action in 1999 which consisted of excavating contaminated soil and waste, consolidating it in an on-site cell, and capping it with clean soil and grass; groundwater monitoring; and deed restrictions to prevent human exposure to contaminated groundwater.

Next steps

The TCEQ will continue to oversee the groundwater monitoring and waste cell maintenance conducted by the agreeing respondents to ensure that the selected remedy remains effective.