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*Inction Eagle* public notice regarding proposal of the Lyon Property site to the state Superfund registry.  
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# Community Relations Plan for Lyon Property Kimble County, Texas September 2002

## **Overview of Community Relations Plan**

This community relations plan (CRP) identifies issues of community concern regarding the Lyon Property proposed state Superfund site, in Kimble County, Texas. It also outlines the anticipated community relations activities to be conducted during each phase of the Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study for the site.

The Lyon Property community relations plan has been prepared to aid the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in developing a community relations program tailored to the needs of the community affected by the site. The TCEQ will conduct community relations activities to ensure that the local public has input to decisions and access to information about Superfund activities at the site.

This plan is based primarily on the information from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC, predecessor agency of the TCEQ) Hazard Ranking System (HRS) package prepared for the site. The HRS is the principal screening guide used by the agency to evaluate potential relative risk to public health and the environment from releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances.

[Note: The state agency referred to as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) in this document is now known as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).]

## **Site Profile**

### **Site Location and Description**

The Lyon Property site is located on U.S. 385, approximately one mile north of the intersection of Farm Road 1871 and U.S. 385, London, Kimble County, Texas. The geographic coordinates of the site are Latitude: 30 degrees, 34 minutes, 51 seconds North; Longitude: 99 degrees, 35 minutes, 29 seconds West. The Lyon property covers six acres in an area adjacent to the Llano River.

A small wire burning operation was conducted at the site for metal recovery. The burn site encompassed an area of 75 by 60 feet. The natural grade of the property slopes from the burn site down to the Llano River. This rural acreage is Ms. Betty Lyon's residence with her homestead located near the back portion of the property next to the Llano River. There are residences to the north, south, and east of Ms. Lyon's property. Ms. Lyon, as owner of the property, allowed Mr. Glen Covey to burn copper wire to reclaim copper metal.

Sampling of soils at the burn site indicated elevated concentrations of cadmium, lead, and total petroleum hydrocarbons. The primary pathway of concern for potential human health and the environmental impacts is the surface water pathway.

### **Background and Site History**

The TCEQ San Angelo Regional Office received a complaint about the site and conducted a complaint investigation on January 25, 1996. The investigation discovered the wire burning site. The investigation included taking soil samples and photographs showing the burn area. A soil sample taken from the center of the burn area had an accumulation of wire bits and fuel odor. The analytical results showed elevated levels of cadmium, lead, and total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH).

In response to the complaint investigation, SK Engineering, on Mr. Covey's behalf, conducted sampling at the site on May 15, 1997. The samples were analyzed for total metals and TPH. This sampling conducted on Mr. Covey's behalf showed barium, cadmium, chromium, lead, and TPH were in the burn area, and barium, chromium, and lead were near Ms. Lyon's house. In addition, barium, lead, and chromium were detected outside the burn area.

TCEQ conducted further sampling during 2000 and 2001. TCEQ's 2000 and 2001 sampling confirmed elevated contaminant levels on site and in one sediment sample in the Llano River.

Following its mandate to conserve state funds, TCEQ contacted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). On January 16, 2002, the EPA recommended "No Further Remedial Action Planned under Federal Superfund" for the Lyon Property. The recommendation stated that further evaluation was needed at the site to determine the extent of contamination.

## Community Profile

Kimble County is located in southwest central Texas on the Edwards Plateau. The county has remained primarily agricultural with 91.2% of its total area used for agriculture. Approximately 90% of its income is derived from livestock and crops with the remaining 10% from tourism, hunting, fishing, and the sale of cedar oil and wood. Junction is the county's largest town and seat of government. The U.S. Census Bureau shows the 2000 population of Kimble County at 4,468, an increase from the 1997 population of 4,199. Ethnic percentages are shown below for the 2000 census:

White, not of Hispanic/Latino origin	77.9%
Hispanic or Latino	20.7%
Black	0.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%
Asian	0.4%

## Community Involvement

Most of the area residents are not aware of the site as it lies in a rural area. A briefing regarding the site was held on June 13, 2002, at the Kimble County Courthouse for Kimble County Judge Delbert Roberts and County Commissioner Precinct #3 Russell Fleming. Briefing letters were mailed to State Senator Jeff Wentworth, State Representative Bob Turner, and Junction Mayor Alan Herring on June 28, 2002, providing them information regarding the site and the agency's intent to propose the site to the state Superfund registry.



## **Specific Objectives of the Community Relations Program**

Maintain open and ongoing two-way communications between the TCEQ, county and state officials, and area residents.

Continue to expand the mailing list to include additional agencies, organizations, and residents that are interested in the project.

Provide a community relations contact from whom interested parties can receive information on site activities, project status, and study results.

Provide citizens, involved agencies, elected officials, civic leaders, and the media with accurate, timely information about site related activities through fact sheets, press releases, and community meetings.

Provide for and attend public meetings.

Respond to telephone inquiries and written correspondence in a timely, accurate manner.

Provide all information, especially technical findings, in language that is understandable to the general public and in a form useful to interested citizens and elected officials through the preparation of fact sheets and news releases when major findings are made available during project phases.

Monitor community concerns and information requirements as the project progresses.

Modify the Community Relations Plan to address changes in community needs and to maintain accuracy during different project phases.

## **Community Relations Techniques & Tools**

Project status briefing for state and local officials - to periodically inform them of project developments over the course of the project.

Project status briefing for community groups and concerned citizens (may include public meetings, if needed) - to periodically inform the community of significant project developments and findings, to respond to inquiries accordingly, and incorporate local concerns into the decision-making process as appropriate.

Informal meetings (if needed) with residents - to provide an opportunity for affected residents to express concerns and to make inquiries to ensure effective two-way communication.

Program document repository - to maintain an easily accessible repository through which the public may review project outputs.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality state Superfund Internet Homepage - to provide timely, current information on state Superfund activities on the World Wide Web at the following web address:

[www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/remed/superfund/index.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/remed/superfund/index.html)

Community Relations Plan - to reflect changes in site activities or local concerns. After the Proposed Remedial Action Document has been issued, the CRP will be revised to address implementation of the selected remedial action.

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