

Status Codes

Table 1 – Enforcement Status Codes

Code	Enforcement	Description
0	Voluntary Action	An entity addresses the contamination incident, without being compelled to do so by enforcement action and either A) reports its actions to the agency, or B) enters into an agency's voluntary cleanup program.
1	Staff Discovery	The agency confirms identification of a contamination incident through its activities, such as: A) inspections, B) reviews of self-reported data, C) complaints received, or D) referrals received from other agencies.
2	Staff Action	The agency initiates an action to address a contamination incident, such as: A) an information request of the entity, B) approval of a work plan (e.g., assessment, corrective action, etc.), C) sending a notice of contamination to affected parties, or D) referring the incident to another agency with jurisdiction.
3	Executive Action	Action at the highest level of the agency, such as: A) issuing a permit that includes corrective action provisions, B) issuing an administrative order, C) other executive level action such as letter of approval or revocation, or conditional or final release of liability, or D) referral to federal authorities such as U.S. EPA.
4	Court or Federal Agency Action	When other options fail or do not apply, an agency can: A) seek legal representation by the Texas Attorney General before the courts, or B) let federal agencies seek resolution according to federal laws or programs.
5	State or Federal Funds	The agency, by utilizing special federal (option A) or state (option B) funds, finances the cost of addressing contamination incidents. Examples are the federal and state "superfunds" for abandoned waste sites, and the state fund for plugging oil and gas wells.

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Table 2 – Activity Status Codes

Code	Activity	Description
0	No Activity	No actions have been conducted at the incident site. The code is also given to cases that did not have any activity in the reported calendar year, mainly used by the Voluntary Cleanup Program of the TCEQ.
1	Contamination Confirmed	Contamination is being verified, such as with resampling or data quality validation, but has not been fully investigated. Based on the confirmation findings, additional actions such as further investigation may or may not be required (1A or 1B).
2	Investigation	The incident is being studied to determine the extent, composition, or other properties and circumstances of the contamination. Based on the findings, additional action may or may not be required (2A or 2B).
3	Corrective Action Planning	A remedy (corrective action plan) for the contamination is being developed based on the investigation findings. Examples may include remedies such as a plan to remove the source of contamination, remediate impacted groundwater, disinfect impacted wells, or replace wells.
4	Implement Action	The planned remedy (corrective action plan) is being carried out and actions to address the contamination are being conducted.
5	Monitor Action	The effectiveness of the remedy is being monitored. This may be a long-term or short-term action and may be performed during and after implementation.
6	Action Completed	The remedy is considered complete when the desired result has been achieved. Options in which contamination is no longer present include: 6A) remediation or 6B) source removal; and options in which contamination may still be present but action is complete include: 6C) determination that no further action is needed, 6D) institutional controls (agency action is final, however, contamination still exists under institutional controls such as deed records noting contamination, use and exposure restrictions, or required maintenance of engineering controls), or 6E) engineering controls (agency action is final, however, contamination still exists under required engineered controls).

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Data Quality Codes

E – EPA-approved analytical procedures

Q – Quality control program established for sampling procedures

V – Verification of contamination through procedures listed below:

1. Splitting samples with regulated entity or other agency for comparison of analysis results
2. Resampling for verification analysis results
3. Supervisory or committee review of sampling procedures and analysis results