



# Ballard Pits Proposed State Superfund Site



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## Notice of Community Meeting

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or agency) will conduct a Community Meeting regarding the Ballard Pits Proposed State Superfund Site (the Site.)

### The Community Meeting will be held on:

Thursday, April 22, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Calallen High School, 4001 Wildcat Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas. TCEQ staff will be presenting information about the assessment of the North Pit and the environmental investigation of the Site.

## 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 wastes, including oilfield drilling mud and refinery wastes. 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 at the Site.

## Current Status

Three pits containing wastes have been identified at the Site. The pits are known as the West Pit, East Pit and North Pit. 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 was completed in 2009. An environmental assessment of the North Pit is underway.

The TCEQ performs routine sampling of neighborhood residential wells and the Nueces River. Sample results indicate that there continues to be no contamination from the Site in any of these drinking water sources. TCEQ remains committed to ensuring safe drinking water and will continue to monitor drinking water sources as part of the ongoing investigation of the Site.

## Future Plans

The TCEQ is completing an environmental assessment of the North Pit. Data collected from the North Pit investigation is being evaluated to determine the best approach to address this contamination. The TCEQ intends to continue the remedial investigation of the entire Ballard property and remains committed to addressing any threats to human health and the environment posed by the Site.

### Site Contacts

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

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[www.tceq.state.tx.us/remediation/superfund/state/ballard.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/remediation/superfund/state/ballard.html)

## For Additional Information

For additional information, you may contact any of the Site contacts by calling the Superfund toll-free line at 800-633-9363, by electronic mail at [superfnd@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto: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