

Ballard Pits State Superfund Site Update

March 2008

January Community Meeting

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality hosted a Community Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, in the Calallen High School Auditorium to provide information and answer questions regarding the upcoming removal action planned for the Ballard Pits state Superfund site. The removal action will consist of excavation of contaminated soils and waste materials. The purpose of this removal action is to prevent the spreading of the contaminated waste material from the pits to the surrounding property and the possible infiltration of the waste material into the shallow groundwater which is used by the adjacent residences for their drinking water.

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Over thirty members of the community attended the January 8th meeting to ask questions and obtain information during the one-on-one availability sessions and the project update provided by the TCEQ Project Manager, Barry Lands.

TCEQ Project Manager, Barry Lands, also presented details of the planned removal action to the Nueces County commissioners at the January 9, 2008 Nueces County Commissioners meeting.

Site Activities

Road improvement activities will soon begin to ensure the dump trucks and other heavy equipment that will eventually excavate and transport the contaminated material from the waste pits have suitable road surface within the Ballard Pits property. With TCEQ oversight, a contractor will be improving and widening the dirt access roads connecting the pits to Ballard Lane. In addition, a turning loop will be added on the access roads near each pit. A map of the proposed access roads is attached for your reference.

Road improvement activities will occur during daylight hours. Tasks include raising the dirt roads above their present grade to prevent the road from becoming flooded, and then placing

limestone or caliche aggregate on the road surface for a minimum width of 20 feet and compacted base of 6 inches. It is estimated that a total of 2,400 feet of roadway will be improved/constructed.

Announcement:

An additional Community Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Calallen High School, 4001 Wildcat Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas.

The meeting format is:

- **7:30 PM to 7:45 PM**
Welcome, Open House
- **7:45 PM to 8:15 PM**
Project Update
- **8:15 PM to 8:45 PM**
Open House

Staff from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will be available to provide information on an individual basis during the Open House.

Widening and improving the dirt roads within the Ballard property will require the movement of soil within the property but will not disturb the waste material in the pits or involve any treatment or

movement of the waste material in the pits. Removal of the waste material in the pits will be part of the next stage of the process when appropriate personnel and equipment have improved roads for large truck access.

The road improvement activities will require the removal of three of the six onsite monitoring wells. The remaining three monitoring wells, which lie between the pits and adjacent properties, will remain for the duration of the removal action to allow for sampling following the removal of the contaminated material.

Removal of trees, shrubs, brush, or high grasses that would interfere with vehicle access may also be required.

All road improvement activities will take place within the boundaries of the Ballard property.

Next Community Meeting

Prior to the commencement of any waste removal activities, the TCEQ will hold another community meeting to provide additional information and answer any outstanding questions regarding the removal action. The next community meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at the Calallen High School.

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