



Ballard Pits Proposed State Superfund Site Nueces County, Texas

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SITE UPDATE

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Site Description and Background

The Ballard Pits site (the Site) is a property containing former sand and gravel pits, some of which were used for disposal of wastes including oilfield drilling mud and refinery wastes. The Site is located at the end of Ballard Lane, west of the 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. In November 2007, the TCEQ issued a notice of intent to perform a removal at the Site.

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. Cleanup of the West Pit was completed in 2008. Cleanup of the East Pit was completed in 2009.

Data collected in February 2010 indicates wastes in the North Pit are stable and do not represent an imminent threat to human health or the environment. Data collected in August 2010 from on- and off-site groundwater monitoring wells suggest that the lateral extent of groundwater contamination at the site has been fully delineated.

Recent Activities

The TCEQ performs routine sampling of neighborhood residential wells and the Nueces River. Sample results indicate that there is no contamination from the Site in any of these drinking water sources.

Future Plans

The TCEQ will continue to monitor drinking water sources as part of the ongoing investigation of the Site. A groundwater monitoring event is planned for Spring 2011. 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.

Additional Information

For additional information, you may contact any of the Site contacts by calling the Superfund toll-free line at 1- 800-633-9363, by electronic mail at superfnd@tceq.texas.gov or by mail at MC-142, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

Additionally, information about this Site is available on the TCEQ Superfund website at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/remediation/superfund/state/ballard.html>. You may request to receive notification of these updates via e-mail by contacting Crystal Taylor, Community Relations Liaison, at crystal.taylor@tceq.texas.gov or superfnd@tceq.texas.gov.

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