CES Environmental Services, Inc.
4904 Griggs Road
Houston, TX

CES Environmental Services, Inc. Site (Site) is a former chemical recycling/waste management facility located approximately 7 miles from downtown of Houston, Harris County, Texas (4904 Griggs, 4900 Griggs, 5910 Wayland). The site is located within what would be referred to as an environmental justice area consisting of primarily residential, educational and commercial establishments. The site was abandoned in 2010 due to chapter 7 bankruptcy. Additionally, the owner of the company was indicted and sentenced for health and safety and environmental crimes. The site is currently and continues to be managed by the bankruptcy court through a court appointed trustee. The trustee actions to address the site were for the primary benefit of the creditors which resulted in some environmental cleanup as resources were made available due to the sale of assets. The TCEQ was monitoring these actions. In March 2014 TCEQ made EPA aware of a spill on the site resulting from theft and vandalism. TCEQ worked with the Trustee to address this spill. In August 2014, the EPA was notified by the City of Houston of another spill believed to also be associated with vandalism and impacting drainage ditches in a residential neighborhood behind the facility. City of Houston, TCEQ, and EPA all responded to the spill. The City of Houston and TCEQ took the lead response role and EPA assisted as the trustee did not have the resources to address the spill. At that point, EPA initiated a removal assessment and subsequently mobilized assets in September 2014 to initiate necessary cleanup actions. The EPA cleanup action lasted until June 10, 2015. During the course of the response, the EPA coordinated its activities by public meetings, fact sheets, site updates, media interviews, personal interactions with the local community, interactions with local and federal politicians, interactions with non-government organizations including the Texas Organizing Project, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, and Air Alliance Houston. During the course of the cleanup actions, EPA removed waste from 11 vacuum boxes, 1 roll-off box, 43 ASTs, 167 drums, totes, and miscellaneous containers, 9 frac tanks, 1 subsurface oil/water separator, 19 sumps, 2 trench drain areas, contaminated soils, spill areas, and contaminated pooled water areas. The disposed material included primarily hydrocarbon, cresolic, and corrosive contaminated wastes (some of which were hazardous wastes and some non-hazardous wastes). The volume of waste disposed by EPA was approximately: 541,719 gallons, 206,705 pounds, and 400 cubic yards. The volume of waste disposed of by TCEQ was approximately: 18960 gallons, 371,340 pounds, and 50 cubic yards. The TCEQ and EPA have identified PRPs and a PRP group has been formed which is currently taking actions under the TCEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program. These actions are supposed to address the remaining issues at the site including assessing any remaining on and off-site contamination, as necessary, decontaminating on-site equipment, managing storm water, and managing access control. The TCEQ is overseeing these actions.