



Operator Cleanup Program

Site Remediation | Oil and Gas Division



This Corpus Christi District site, located in Webb County, consisted of five leaks along a pipeline. Approximately 60,385 cubic yards of impacted soil was excavated and stockpiled on-site for subsequent remediation. Approximately 48,500 cubic yards of impacted soil was used for backfill after verification samples indicated chemicals of concern were below action levels.

The Operator Cleanup Program oversees Operator-led cleanups to ensure compliance with RRC rules. The Sites in the Operator Cleanup Program enter the program on a case-by-case basis through referral from the RRC District Offices or other RRC sections (e.g. Technical Permitting or Legal Enforcement) when groundwater has been impacted or has the potential to be impacted, risk-based site assessment is needed, or when the release consists of a unique or unusual contaminant. Operators can also choose to voluntarily enter their cleanup sites into the RRC's Operator Cleanup Program.

The Operator Cleanup Program currently consists of five staff that each oversees 90 plus complex cleanup projects for a total of 505 sites as of September 2019. During Fiscal Year 2019, 29

sites entered the Operator Cleanup Program, and 34 number of sites were closed by staff. Active and closed Operator Cleanup Program sites are visible on the Public GIS map viewer.

Sites in the Operator Cleanup Program are closed by staff when contaminants have been cleaned up to appropriate risk-based concentrations or controlled through the placement of restrictions on the affected property preventing exposure to impacted soil and/or groundwater left in place.

Operator Cleanup Program staff also assist the RRC District Offices with unknown source investigations, water well complaints, and special projects, as needed. Each Operator Cleanup Program staff member is designated as a contact for a specific District Office.

Email us at SR-OCP@rrc.texas.gov for more information.