

ROY YOUNG SITE

The Roy Young, Inc. Site was a former oil-field services site that had on-site disposal of oily wastes and wash waters from truck cleaning. It is located at 217 Dairy Festival Road in Abbeville, in Vermilion Parish. It was in operation for this purpose from approximately 1956 to 1988. When this oil-field service business failed, the family-owned property was left with several surface impoundments and aboveground storage tanks containing oily wastes. The constituents of concern were hydrocarbons and metals.

The site had been the subject of both LDEQ & EPA investigations under the federal Superfund Program and the state Inactive & Abandoned Sites program. The site did not qualify for either a Superfund Remediation or Removal Action due to the low risk posed by the contaminants. Therefore, it was left to the state to conduct any actions to address the environmental problems identified.

The LDEQ worked with Mr. Eddie Young (the son of Mr. Roy Young), who assumed the lead for the Young family, in addressing the site. Funding for this action was obtained after the LDEQ RSD negotiated a novel method involving a sale of a portion of the site that was not impacted - with the funds being placed in an "escrow" account for remediation of the remaining portion. Mr. Eddie Young and his consultant firm, Marcus Guidry and Associates, worked cooperatively with the LDEQ in addressing this site by the most cost-effective means possible. Remediation began in January 2002 with an interim corrective action consisting of excavation and off-site disposal of the visibly contaminated soils and container contents at a permitted solid waste facility. Mr. Young entered the site into the LDEQ VRP in August 2002.

Following the interim corrective action, a Site Investigation in accordance with RECAP was conducted during December 2002 and early 2003. During the Site Investigation, groundwater was evaluated, but was found not to require corrective action, as all COC levels were below risk-based standards. However, it was found that further soil contamination was still present requiring further remediation. A Corrective Action Plan was submitted to the LDEQ RSD in July of 2003, and was approved for public comment, a requirement of the VRP. No comments or concerns were received from the public or adjacent landowners after notice had been made, so it was subsequently approved for

implementation. This corrective action involved discharge of accumulated storm water, and further excavation on the southern portion of the former surface impoundment area.

Confirmatory sampling conducted in February 2004 documented that RECAP industrial/commercial standards were achieved and a No Further Action/Certificate of Completion was granted by the LDEQ in June 2004. The Certificate of Completion is granted under the VRP when a remediation is conducted. It absolves the submitter and future owners of potential liability for the contamination that has been addressed. A conveyance notice was filed with the Vermilion Parish Clerk of Court's Office documenting that commercial/industrial land use is to be maintained. Future use of the property is expected to be a commercial retail development that is anchored by the adjacent Wal-Mart Supercenter.



Aerial photo of site



Excavation of former Impoundment Area



Collection of final confirmatory sample