

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM:
NEW TOOLS AND EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL CLEANUPS**

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The Railroad Commission of Texas established the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) on June 10, 2002. The program addresses the environmental, legal and financial barriers that often hinder the remediation and redevelopment of property. The VCP provides administrative, technical, and legal incentives to encourage cleanup of oil field contamination. The VCP offers non-responsible parties a release of liability to the state in exchange for a successful cleanup. Oil and Gas operators may benefit from the program in cases where mergers and acquisitions include properties are impacted by historical oil and gas contamination. Ms. Beveridge will present information on the benefits, expectations and requirements of the VCP. Case studies of remedial strategies involving cleanup of salt-impacted soil and groundwater, and onsite treatment of oil and gas waste will be provided.