

French Limited NPL

Case History: The French Limited site, located near Crosby, Harris County, Texas, has operated as a petrochemical waste disposal site since 1966. Principle pollutants associated with the site include volatile organic compounds, phenols, heavy metals, and PCBs. The site is within the 100-year flood plain of the San Jacinto River and several floods have carried waste into Galveston Bay Estuary, which is an important nursery area for shellfish, oysters, commercial and recreational fish species. Impacts were likely to several species of migratory birds that utilize this estuary for food and raising young. The Trustees and Responsible Parties determined that a 25 acre tidally influenced marsh creation area in the delta would adequately compensate for all losses; this was embodied in a Consent Decree which was entered into Federal District Court on 3/10/93.

French Limited Restoration Site - Current



Responsible Parties: multiple (>90), but includes French Limited, Inc., AMOCO Gas Co., Arco Chemical Co., Champion International Corp., Chevron Chemical Corp., Dixie Chemical Co., Dow Chemical Co., DuPont Co., Exxon Corp., Goodyear Tire Co., Halliburton Services, Hercules, Inc., Kaiser Corp., Koppers Co., Phillips Petroleum, and Texaco, Inc.

Trustees:

[Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#) (TPWD)

[Texas Commission on Environmental Quality](#) (TCEQ)

[Texas General Land Office](#) (TXGLO)

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Current Status: As of 1995, restoration has been completed and is located in Baytown, Texas in Harris County within the Brownwood Subdivision, which had been damaged by hurricanes and was abandoned. The site borders Burnett Bay within the San Jacinto River Delta and, upon investigation of restoration options, the restoration acreage was expanded from 25 to 60 acres to establish a buffer zone around the project. This created marsh site turned out to be the cornerstone for the establishment of the [Baytown Nature Center](#), and is responsible for attracting several grants to help

the City of Baytown continue the construction of the 400-acre nature center.

Documents:

The links below will allow you to view documents concerning the French Limited NPL and associated restoration.

Some documents will be in PDF format and you will need [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view them. Some files may be large so note the file size before downloading.

EPA - [NPL Site Narrative for French, Ltd.](#)

EPA - [Site](#) Review

ATSDR - [Public Health Assessment](#)

[Consent Decree](#) – March, 1993, [Exhibit A](#)

TXGLO- [Brownwood Marsh Restoration Project](#)

Before and after restoration [pictures](#)

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