

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 4, 2023

TO Honorable Chair Stewart and Members of the Parks, Trails, and the Environment Committee

SUBJECT **Former Blue Star Site Remediation Update**

The Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS) has previously provided information regarding work being done on sites in Dallas that have environmental justice and community public health concerns. One of these is the former Blue Star Site. OEQS most recently delivered an update to the Environment & Sustainability Council Committee by memo in November of 2022 and to the Environmental Commission in November of 2023. This memorandum will serve as a status update:

Former Blue Star Site

In October 2022, a report documenting all environmental assessment activities was submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). This report identified localized areas of lead-impacted soil and fill material (e.g., soil of unknown origin, bricks, and concrete) totaling approximately 40,000 cubic yards. In June 2023, the City determined the best action was to remediate the site by removing all fill material and submitted a remedial plan to TCEQ. TCEQ approved the City's remediation plan in August 2023 and the City started remediation on August 28, 2023. Recent remediation activities at the former Blue Star property include the following:

- Air Quality monitors were installed in 3 locations outside the work area and offsite to monitor air quality before and during the site remediation activities;
- The City installed stormwater pollution prevention controls around the perimeter and at the entrance/exit;
- The City met with community members to discuss remediation plans on August 24, 2023.
- Trucks started removing soil/fill material that was disposed at McCommas Bluff landfill on August 28, 2023;
- The Dashboard was updated to focus on site remediation, made public on August 29, 2023, and updated daily with truck loads removed and daily air quality data, <http://bit.ly/formerbluestarremediation>;
- Removal of soil/fill material was completed on October 2, 2023 (completed in 6 weeks and ahead of schedule); ~47,412 cubic yards (2,634 loads);
- Site restoration activities were completed on October 18, 2023 – grading, seeding, and placement of erosion controls;
- Mayor Pro Tem Atkins held a press event and community meeting on November 7, 2023;
- The report summarizing soil/fill removal activities is expected to be submitted to TCEQ by November 30, 2023, and will be uploaded to the Dashboard; and

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- TCEQ has 60 days to complete their review of the report, which is expected by February 2024.

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