



City of Dallas

Cleanup Update and Next Steps for Former Blue Star Recycling Site

**Environment and Sustainability
Committee
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Presentation Overview



- Purpose
- Background
- Cleanup Dashboard Overview
- Next Steps





- To share the progress of the cleanup efforts at the former Blue Star Recycling site
- To discuss next steps for the site and post-incident planning and action



Background



- Blue Star Recycling (“Blue Star”) failed to obtain necessary permissions
- Code Compliance investigated, confirmed violations, and issued notices of violation and citation for illegal land use
- Blue Star obtained certificate of occupancy (CO) for industrial use (outside) – an allowed use
- Subsequent inspections revealed Blue Star misrepresented its operations



Background (cont.)



- OEQS investigated environmental concerns, confirmed significant risks and noncompliance issues
- CAO filed a lawsuit seeking the closure of the business - addressing stormwater, floodplain, and land use violations
- Building Inspection revoked CO and the CAO obtained temporary restraining order requiring operations to cease
- Court signed Agreed Final Judgment – December 2020



Cleanup Working Group



Sanitation Services

Procurement Services

Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS)

City Attorney's Office (CAO)

Modern Geosciences, LLC

Data Analytics & Business Intelligence

Q Roberts Trucking, Inc.



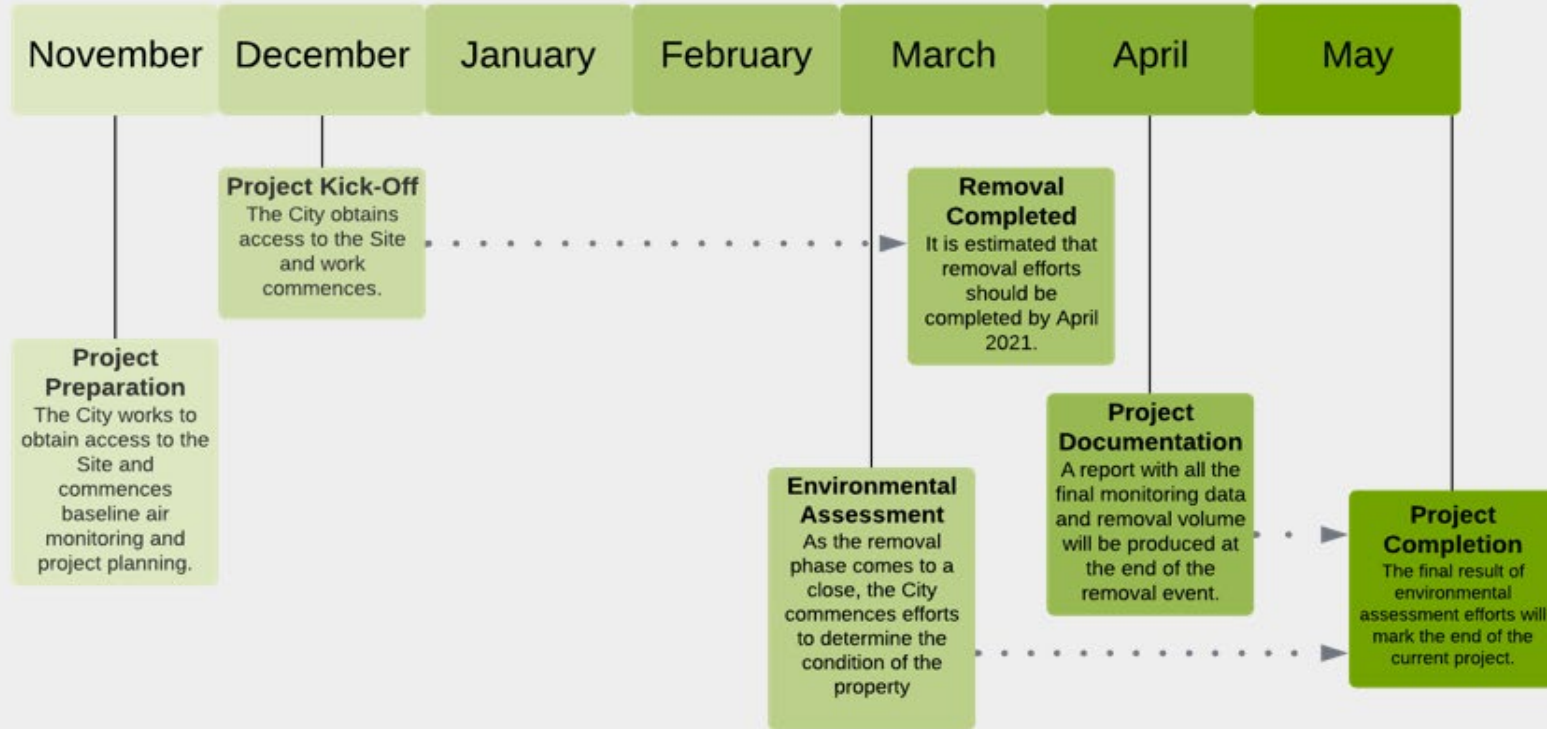
Cleanup Dashboard Overview



- Created to provide transparency and accountability of the site cleanup to neighbors and the public: visit <https://bit.ly/bluestardashboard>
- Dashboard Includes:
 - Background Information
 - Agreed Final Judgment
 - Timeline
 - Removal Progress
 - Air Quality Monitoring
 - Stormwater Management Info



Cleanup Dashboard Overview - Timeline



Cleanup Dashboard Overview - Removal Progress



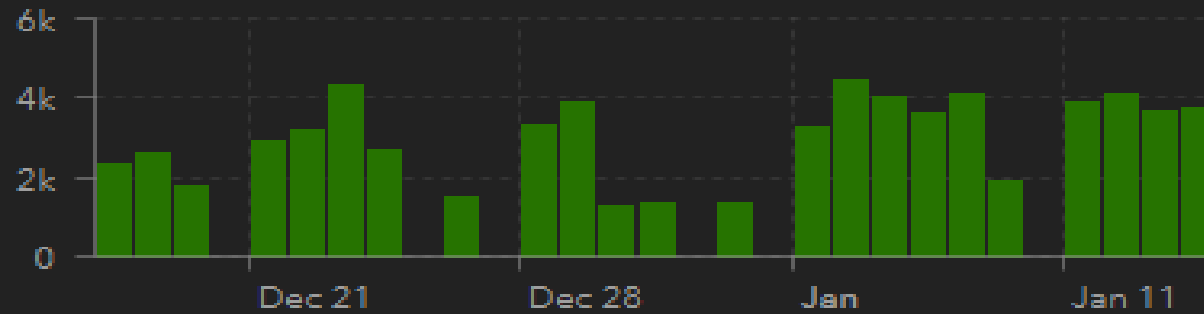
Dallas: Former Blue Star Recycling Sanitation Cleanup

Total Tonnage Removed
69,104.48

Total Trips (Loads)
3,772

Work Days
23

Tonnage (Volume)



Trips (Loads)



Cleanup Dashboard Overview - Removal Progress (cont.)



See Our Progress

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Cleanup Dashboard Overview - Removal Progress (cont.)



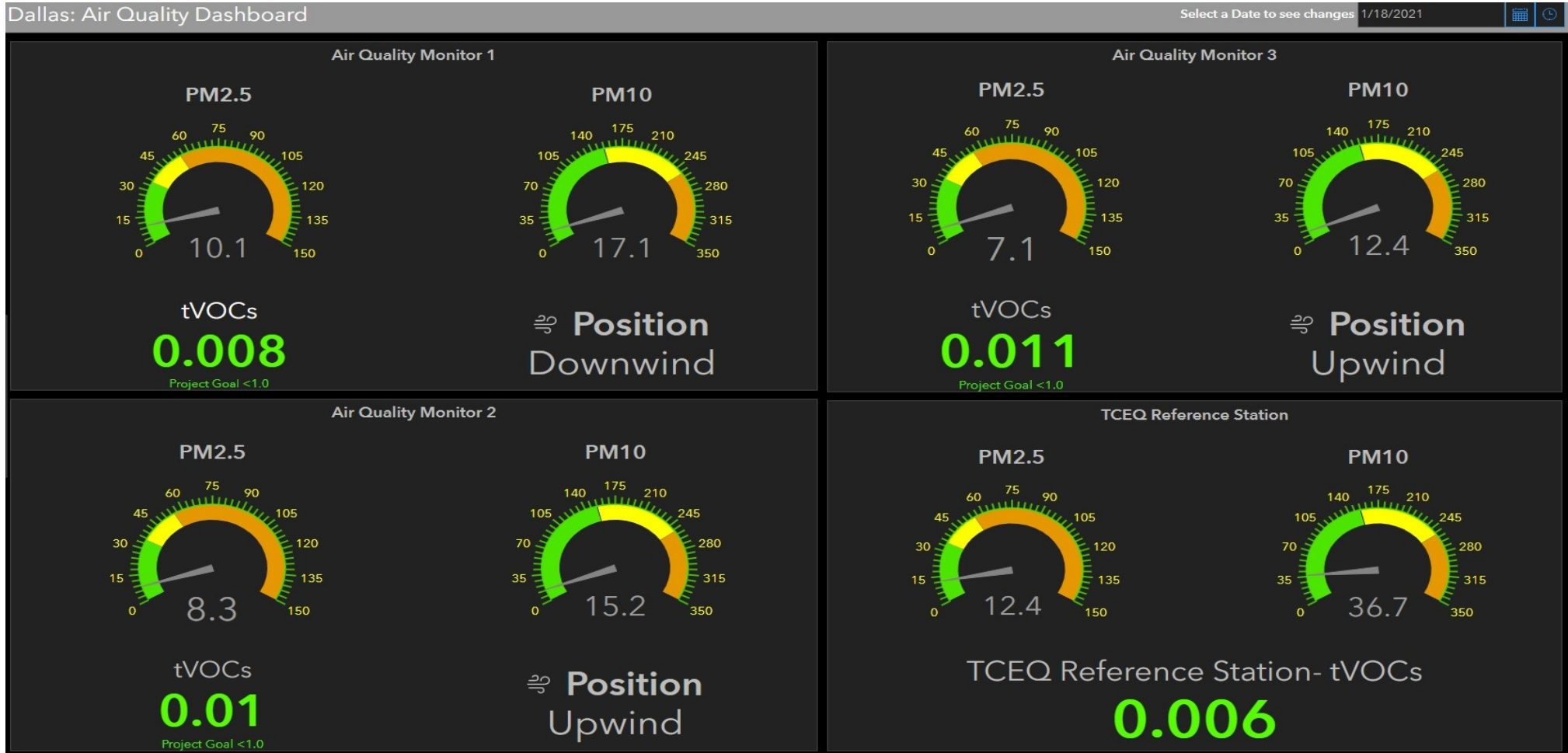
Dust Suppression Efforts



Cleanup Dashboard Overview – Removal Progress (cont.)



Cleanup Dashboard Overview – Air Quality Monitoring



Cleanup Dashboard Overview – Air Quality Monitoring (cont.)



January
Thursday 1/14/21 Air monitoring at north edge of site.



Cleanup Dashboard Overview – Stormwater Management



Stormwater Management Best Practices





- Steps for Site Disposition:
 - Environmental Assessments Due Diligence
 - Site Use/Acquisition Decisions
 - Land Acquisition - \$0 Cost
 - Council/Community Engagement
 - Real Estate Due Diligence (if necessary)



Next Steps (cont.)



- Post Incident Planning and Actions:
 - Certificate of Occupancy Process
 - Land Uses and Zoning Processes
 - Field Staff Environmental Awareness Training
 - Enhance Task Forces and Enforcement
 - Closer coordination with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and other regulatory agencies on compliance and enforcement





- Quarterly Committee Updates
 - Due Diligence
 - Legal Issues
 - Process Updates





- Requested Action:
 - Request ENVIS Committee's direction for staff to develop options with public input for the disposition and best use of the site





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