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Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Invites Public Comment to Address Contamination at Former Empire Refinery Site

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) invites public comment on the Proposed Plan to address contamination at the former Empire Refinery Site in Cushing. The former Empire Refinery is a 65-acre crude oil refinery that was active from 1913 to 1945.

In September 2009, OXYUSA Inc. (Oxy) entered into a consent order with DEQ to investigate and clean up the site. Under the authority of DEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program, Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc., a subsidiary of Oxy, has performed a two phase site investigation, risk assessment and remedial options evaluation to determine the potential threat the former refinery poses to human health and environment.

The Proposed Plan details how DEQ recommends cleaning up contaminated soil, waste material, sediment and surface water at the former Empire Refinery site. Site documents, including the Proposed Plan, are available for the public at the Cushing Public Library and online at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/LPDnew/VCP/sitesummaries/EmpireRefinery.pdf>

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