



BRAZORIA COUNTY

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Subject: Air Monitoring Taking Place in Brazoria County

Brazoria County- At 5:30 PM on May 10, a collision occurred on the Houston Ship Channel between a 755-foot tanker and a tug pushing two barges near Bayport, Texas. The two barges were loaded with an estimated 25,000 barrels of Reformate gasoline blend stock.

Brazoria County residents could smell a gasoline odor in the air due to this collision. The Texas General Land Office have sent two air monitoring teams to Brazoria County to evaluate and sample the air quality. No Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) have been detected above the required actionable levels in any areas of Galveston or Brazoria County. If any readings above actionable levels are detected, advisories will be provided to local emergency operations centers.

A 24/7 air-monitoring hotline has been established for the public to report strong gasoline odors at 281-757-3017.

Brazoria County will share information as it is made available from the Bayport Channel Collision Unified Command.

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