

Stack Demo Summary

October 24, 2002

Tex Tin Site

A public ceremony was held on October 24, 2002 adjacent to the Tex Tin site to commemorate and witness the concrete smokestack demolition project milestone.

Event Agenda

The event consisted of comments from city, state, federal agency and PRP representatives, plus the actual demolition of the smokestack.

The event was hosted by Mr. Myron Knudson, EPA Region 6 Superfund Director. Texas City Mayor Carlos Garza spoke first, generally thanking everyone who brought the cleanup to fruition.

Mr. Mike Cook, the EPA Superfund and Remediation Director, also thanked all the participants and emphasized the role of the PRP's.

Mr. David Davis, Deputy Director of the TCEQ also thanked everyone and praised the cooperative nature of the cleanup team.

Mr. Edgard Bertaut, Co-Chair of the Tex Tin Group Steering Committee presented a speech praising the cooperation from government and the exemplary safety record of the field personnel.

After the speeches, Mayor Garza concluded the ceremony with a countdown and symbolic detonation of the smokestack. The demolition itself was performed expertly, with the concrete structure dramatically rumbling down, timed exactly to coincide with the Mayor's symbolic detonation.



Figure 1: Base of smokestack being imploded.



Figure 2: Smokestack falling to earth. The top third broke off the main portion of the stack, as was expected.



Figure 3: The impact from the stack was absorbed by a bed of sand placed over the target area. A water deluge system kept dust levels down to a minimum.