

# Oklahoma Source Water Protection Program

## Voluntary Cleanup Program



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## What is the Voluntary Cleanup Program?

The Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) allows private parties and government entities to voluntarily investigate and, if warranted, clean up potentially contaminated properties. Remediation activities are negotiated and overseen by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and carried out by the applicant. There is no federal involvement in this program. VCP sites may apply to enter the Brownfields Program if the participant requests. VCP contains a broad range of sites, ranging from large-scale projects such as old oil refineries to small sites such as personal property with a single source of contamination.

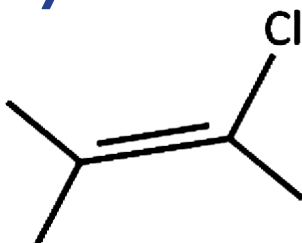
## What contaminants may be present at VCP sites?

A site may enter into the VCP due to a variety of contaminants, though all are either metal or organic in nature. The primary groupings of contaminants that are currently observed at VCP sites are Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH), Metals, Research Department eXplosives (RDX), and Semi-VOCs (SVOC). The most commonly observed of these compounds include:

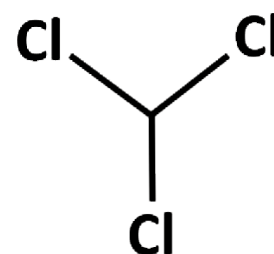
### Metals

- Uranium (U)
- Zinc (Zn)
- Cadmium (Cd)
- Arsenic (As)
- Lead (Pb)
- Barium (Ba)
- Copper (Cu)
- Silver (Ag)

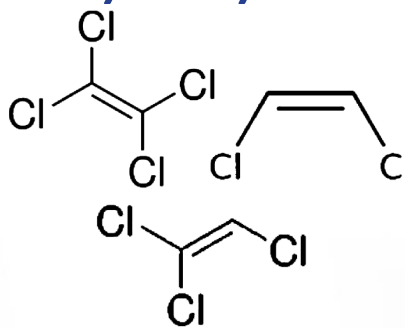
### Vinyl Chloride



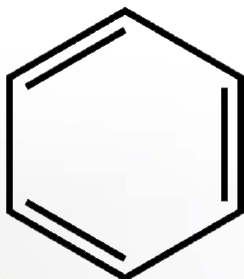
### Chloroform



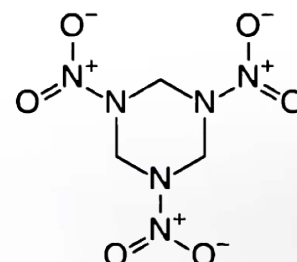
### PCE/TCE/DCE



### Benzene



### RDX



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## What does the VCP process entail?

The VCP process is composed of 10 major steps, as can be seen in the graphic to the right. Prior to cleanup, eight steps must be completed to ensure proper cleanup procedures are implemented for each unique situation. A significant action in this process is the site entering into a Voluntary Consent Order. This order allows DEQ to better track the site's efforts and provide more oversight into remediation. Once the site creates and receives approval of a comprehensive Remedial Action Plan, cleanup may commence. After all cleanup activities outlined in the action plan have been completed, a final inspection report is developed, a Notice of Remediation is issued, and the site is removed from the list.



## How do I find out more regarding sites near me?

Sites are very individualized in their contaminants of concern and program statuses, so it is best to reach out to the DEQ's Land Protection Division to find out more details on specific sites. Proper contact information can be found on the Oklahoma DEQ website.

## Oklahoma DEQ Website Search:

Voluntary Cleanup Program

<https://tinyurl.com/34yxm92h>

## Contact DEQ:

Reach out to the Capacity Development Section via email or phone and request to participate in the **FREE** program.

**Email:** [DEQ.CapDev@deq.ok.gov](mailto:DEQ.CapDev@deq.ok.gov)

**Phone:** (405) 702-8141

You can also visit the DEQ website for more info, helpful resources, and to sign up for the program. <https://tinyurl.com/44hsyfut>



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