

Alabama Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund

2025 Annual Report



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Overview of the Alabama Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund

The Alabama Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund (AHSCF) was established in 1989 by an act of the Alabama Legislature (Code of Alabama 1975, Chapter 22-30A) to provide a mechanism for ADEM to investigate, remediate, and monitor hazardous substance sites. These sites may potentially endanger human health and the environment but may not qualify to be addressed by other federal or state cleanup programs.

The AHSCF Annual Report covers the actions of personnel utilizing money from the fund during the past fiscal year (i.e., Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025) to address and investigate/cleanup sites identified during the year. Generally, sites screened under AHSCF are not qualified for or are unlikely to receive cleanup funding under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), commonly referred to as “Superfund”. AHSCF funding may also be used for long term maintenance and monitoring of National Priorities List (NPL) sites which have been managed under CERCLA. An in-depth look at the program reveals that 517 sites have been addressed since AHSCF’s inception in 1989, with 470 sites remediated to a point where no further action is required. Throughout the past 36 years, the AHSCF has tackled numerous sites across multiple years, addressing 517 sites on 714 occasions throughout the duration of the program. To date, approximately \$7.2 million of AHSCF funds have been utilized to address those sites. This amount excludes sites investigated under the General Management site code that did not meet the criteria for the AHSCF or were referred to other appropriate programs or agencies.

The Alabama Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund Act empowers ADEM personnel to respond to citizen complaints regarding the improper disposal of hazardous substances and other toxic materials, and it provides them with the right of entry to perform these investigations. If an initial response was performed under AHSCF, the activities at the site are subsequently summarized in this report to ensure actions taken are properly documented for each location. After the initial response to a site, remediation may take place under Superfund, the Hazardous Waste Program, or AHSCF, depending on the specific conditions of the site.

Initial response actions are usually performed under the general management category. In addition to initial responses, other activities which fall under this category include, but are not limited to, personnel and travel costs associated with conducting complaint investigations of sites that are not assigned a specific site number, initial complaint

investigations prior to having specific site numbers assigned to a site, administrative support for the purchase and repair of equipment utilized on all sites, and field sampling equipment and safety supplies. General administrative functions associated with research and clerical support are also included in this category. Three sites were addressed under the general administrative fund during FY 25.

Funding for AHSCF activities is provided by a \$1.00 per ton fee on hazardous waste disposed of at the Chemical Waste Management hazardous waste landfill in Emelle, Alabama, and reimbursements from potentially responsible parties (PRPs). For FY 25, fee revenues were \$188,138.06.

2025 Response Activities

AHSCF General Management

The general management category includes activities such as the initial investigations of complaints prior to assigning site numbers, providing administrative support, conducting field sampling, and purchasing sampling and safety supplies. Initially, three sites were investigated utilizing the AHSCF. One complaint pertained to materials being dumped in a wooded area located in north central Alabama. Investigators followed the provided directions to the site and found no waste being dumped or abandoned. Further requests from the complainant yielded no additional information or alternate location for the materials in question. Two additional complaints were investigated but did not meet the criteria of the AHSCF, leading to their referral to other programs or resolution by the property owner. Administrative tasks, including paperwork, invoice processing, resubmission of documents to modify and extend contracts, teleconference meetings with contractors, and various other functions for the Alabama Oil and Gas Recovery Inc. Site were performed under the administrative fund, separate from remediation costs. The total expenditure for AHSCF general management was \$70,162.89.

Site Specific Information

AHSCF GENERAL MANAGEMENT

Statewide

Reference # 348-9000

Three sites were initially investigated under the authority of the general management fund code. One of the sites investigated could not be found based on the directions provided by the complainant. Subsequent inquiries did not yield any additional information that would assist in locating the materials mentioned in the complaint. The remaining two sites were determined to be neither actionable nor addressable under the AHSCF. The oversight, documentation, modifications to contracts, coordination with contractors, processing invoices, and other actions for the Alabama Oil and Gas Recovery Inc. Site were performed under the general management fund, separate from the remediation actions performed at the site.

Alabama Oil and Gas Recovery Inc.

Saint Clair County

Reference #348-9668

The Alabama Oil and Gas Recovery Inc. (AOGRI) site is an abandoned used oil transportation, transfer, and processor facility, located at 2400 Blackjack Road in Trussville, Saint Clair County, Alabama. Incorporated in 1993, AOGRI was operated by its owner, Mr. Timothy Massey, until his passing in 2013. Following Mr. Massey's death, his heirs continued to operate some aspects of the business until 2018. The site covers approximately 40 acres, with one to one and a half acres designated as the principal operations area. During the initial investigation, ADEM personnel observed three horizontal tanks and two vertical tanks housed within two tank farms equipped with secondary containment, several tanks positioned in open areas, three tanker trucks, numerous small tanks surrounding the process area, several 270-gallon totes, approximately one hundred 55-gallon drums, and an in-ground oil/water separator unit. Total estimated capacity of the tanks, trucks, drums and totes surpassed 160,000 gallons of waste. Prior to the commencement of site remediation actions, samples were

taken from the tanks and containers to determine if they contained hazardous waste, hazardous waste constituents, hazardous substances, or non-hazardous waste.

The AOGRI Site remediation project is nearly finished, with 576.19 tons of hazardous waste having been removed from the site and sent to the appropriate disposal facilities. Additionally, 159.44 tons of non-hazardous materials have been disposed of at the approved solid waste disposal facilities, and 46.06 tons of metal have been recycled from the various tanks and other containers on-site to help offset the overall cleanup costs. The AHSCF has spent \$1,325,541.62 during FY 25 and \$1,632,332.90 over the past three years to address and remediate the site. Additional expenses were incurred for the disposal of the non-hazardous waste, which were handled under a separate program, resulting in the total cost through FY 25 for remediating this site exceeding \$2 million dollars.

The photographs below illustrate the conditions at the site before and during the clean up process .



Storage shed and office building



Pathway/ entrance leading to the processing/storage area



Tank Farm #1- Three horizontal tanks within secondary containment



An accumulation of approximately 2 inches of yellowish-orange oil/petroleum/cleaning fluids



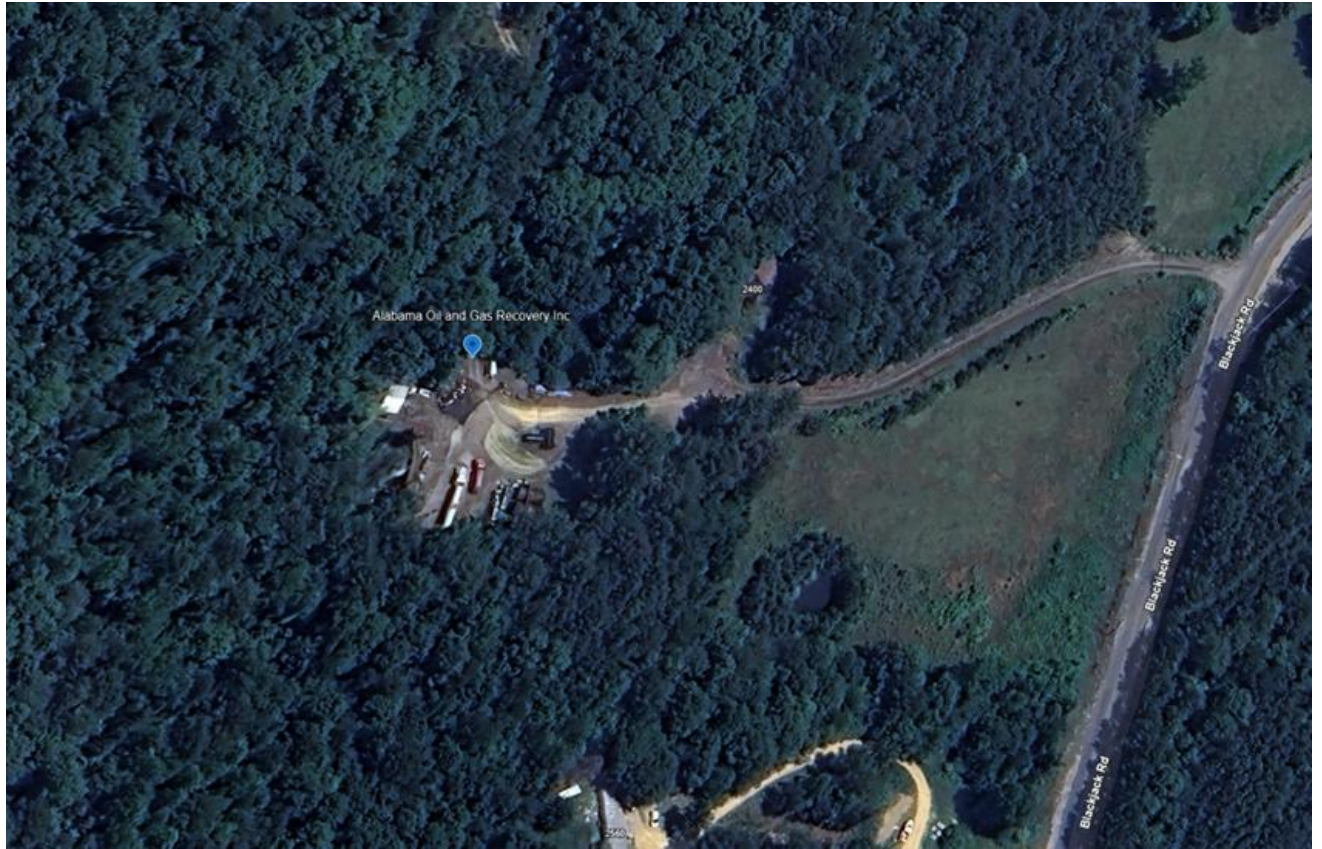
Tank Farm #2- Two vertical tanks within secondary containment



Small storage shed, a horizontal tank, and ten 55-gallon steel drums



Approximately ninety-seven steel 55-gallon drums staged on plastic, twenty-five 55-gallon steel drums secured with plastic covers, and two blue 55-gallon plastic drums



Google Earth image of the AOGRI Site



Remediation contractors addressing drummed materials destined for disposal



Dismantling of equipment destined for recycling to offset the cost of site remediation



Dismantling of one of the vertical tanks in the Tank Farm #2



Site conditions at the conclusion of remediation actions



Process area after remediation actions

EXPENDITURES AND COST RECOVERY

AHSCF funds are allocated for the investigation and remediation of abandoned hazardous substance sites. In cases where the responsible party is either unwilling or unable to carry out an investigation or cleanup, AHSCF funds may be utilized, and efforts for cost recovery and punitive damages may be initiated following the completion of the cleanup. During the fiscal year 2025, four total sites were investigated. The Alabama Oil and Gas Recovery site and three additional sites (one unable to be located by information provided, and two deemed to not qualify under the AHSCF), with the three initially investigated under the General Management fund code. The total expenditure from the AHSCF amounted to \$1,395,770.06 for the period from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

Site Name	Action Taken	Cost
AHSCF General Management	Administrative, clerical support, initial investigations, equipment	\$ 70,228.44
9668 – Alabama Oil and Gas Recovery Inc.	Complaint investigation, sampling/cleanup contractor hired, analysis of materials on site for disposal, beginning disposal of materials	\$1,325,541.62
Total Cost	-----	\$1,395,770.06

AHSCF Site Map 2025

