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Hazardous Waste Enforcement: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Oil and Gas Equipment Operator Enter into Agreement Addressing Alleged Violations

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Pumpco Energy Services, Inc. ("PES") have reached a resolution of alleged Resource Conservation Recovery Act ("RCRA") violations.

An August 18th EPA news releases states that the violations occurred at PES facilities in Cleburne, Jacksboro, Valley View, Barnhart, and Pleasanton, Texas facilities.

EPA states that PES violated the RCRA hazardous waste regulations by:

- Failing to obtain an EPA identification number
- Failing to notify EPA or the state of Texas of its hazardous waste activities
- Failing to keep required records
- Improperly storing, handling, or treating diesel fuel or mixed waste diesel fuel

EPA inspectors are stated to have determined that PES generated or offered for transport and treatment enough hazardous waste to qualify as a small-quantity – or sometimes large-quantity – generator.

PES is stated to be assessed a penalty of \$237,980.

[A copy of the news release can be downloaded here.](#)