

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Environmental and Engineering Group Dinner Meeting

Guadalajara Hacienda Restaurant • 9799 Katy Freeway (south side of Katy Freeway between Bunker Hill and Gessner)
Social 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 Preregistered members; \$30 Nonmembers & Walk-ups

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The City of Houston's Brownfields Redevelopment Program

The City of Houston's Brownfields Redevelopment Program facilitates the identification, assessment, clean up and reuse of environmentally contaminated properties within Houston. Program projects result in urban revitalization by eliminating neighborhood environmental concerns; restoring contaminated land to productive use; creating new housing, commerce and green space; and generating new employment opportunities to benefit the local community. Since its inception in 1996, the Program has helped to facilitate construction of 975 housing units, create 2,564 new full time jobs, return \$1.61 million in delinquent taxes and \$802,000 per year in new annual taxes to the local taxing entities, and bring about reuse of 550 acres of brownfields whose redevelopment costs total over \$720 million. ■

Biographical Sketch

DAVID REEL received his BA and MA in geology at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. He worked as a geologist for Getty Oil Company from 1971 to 1978, as a district geologist and exploration manager for Union Texas Petroleum from 1978 to 1993, and as a petroleum and environmental consultant from 1993 to 2002. In 2003 he was employed as a geologist by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was assigned to work with the City of Houston, to assist city personnel in the Brownfields Redevelopment Program.

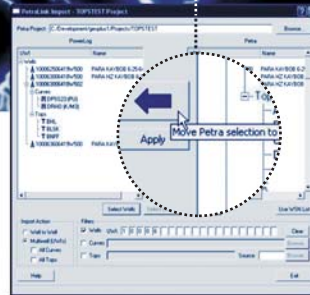


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