

POLREP # 5  
Hamburg Port Clinton Avenue  
Borough of Hamburg  
Hamburg, Berks County, PA 19526

Event: Removal Action

Attn: Charlie Kleeman, Dennis Carney, and RRC

- I. Situation (As of Friday, June 21, 2002):
  - A. In November 2001 and January 2002, EPA OSC Fetzer tasked START to conduct surface soil sampling for lead contamination due to the improper disposal of lead acid battery casings at the Hamburg - Port Clinton Avenue Site. Lead concentrations were detected in surface soils at the site up to 118,000 parts per million.
  - B. Due to elevated lead levels, EPA requested health consultation from ATSDR for the site. Currently, EPA awaits the consult for the site. EPA has received the AROA from the ATSDR toxicologist recommending that EPA take immediate action restricting access and controlling lead exposure and migration.
  - C. During the winter of 2001-2002, a private property owner (owner) at the site installed monitoring wells and excavated test pits as part of a PADEP closure for a gas station previously located onsite and containing underground storage tanks. During these closure activities, the owner exposed lead contaminated battery casing waste at the surface. Sample results provided by the owner showed lead concentrations of up to 55 parts per million (ppm). EPA's analysis of this area showed lead concentrations as high as 12,000 ppm.
  - D. During the spring of 2002, EPA initiated a removal action at the Port Clinton Avenue site due to elevated lead concentrations in surface soil and the threat posed to human health.
  - E. Dust monitoring of the site indicates low levels of dust being produced during removal activities, however with dust control actions implemented, no visible dust is exiting the site. Air sampling of site personnel continues daily to measure the concentration of lead in dust generated in the hot zone.
  - F. Estimated Project Costs (as of 14 June 2002).

ORGANIZATION	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERRS (Earth Tech)	\$ 130,302	\$ 250,000
START (Tetra Tech)	\$ 22,676	\$ 76,660
<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>	\$ 152,978	\$ 326,660
<u>UNALLOCATED</u>	\$	\$1,605,880
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$ 152,978</b>	<b>\$1,932,540</b>
EPA (Direct+Indirect)	\$ 4,261	\$ 585,682

## II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. START set up air monitoring equipment on site to measure total dust levels in the air (personal DataRAMs). Also, START began the high volume air sampling directly across from site in resident's yard to measure lead dust leaving the site. START has and will continue to conduct daily lead dust sampling of ERRS personnel and the site perimeter.
- B. ERRS began cutting and grubbing Section 1 (northern section of site). Trees that are to remain in place have been marked with red ribbon by EPA-ERT & REAC.
- C. Electric company turned on power to crew trailer at the site.
- D. Excess furniture from GSA was delivered. ERRS inventoried furniture and began putting the pieces together.

## III. FUTURE ACTIONS

- A. EPA, ERRS, and START to continue removal activities at the site. ERRS will implement the approved work plan for all site activities.
- B. START to continue conducting perimeter air monitoring and sampling at site and on ERRS operators and technicians.
- C. START to continue with logbook and photographic documentation of site activities.
- D. ERRS will continue to put excess furniture together in setting up command post. EPA expects one more truck to deliver furniture.

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