

1. Site Name	2. Operational Period	Incident Briefing
Fort Duchesne Chemicals	February 6-13, 2018	
3. Site Description		
<p>The Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation is located in northeastern Utah. It is the homeland of the Ute Indian Tribe and it is the largest of three Indian reservations inhabited by members of the Ute Tribe of Native Americans. The tribal headquarters are in Fort Duchesne located in Uintah County, Utah.</p> <p>Fort Duchesne was originally a fort, established by the United States Army in 1886 and closed in 1912. There is an historic stone structure with wooden roof in Fort Duchesne that was once used to store ammunition for the fort. For several years (perhaps decades) this building has been used to store a variety of chemicals including a large amount of pesticides.</p> <p>Representatives from the Ute Tribe requested assistance from EPA Region 8’s Brownfields Program to collect and dispose of these chemicals. This request was referred to EPA Region 8’s Emergency Response Unit.</p>		
4. Current Situation		
<p>An On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) with EPA Region 8’s Emergency Response Unit visited the Site on February 6, 2018 and immediately noticed the distinct smell chemicals. Upon visual inspection inside the storage facility, the OSC was able to identify large amounts of pesticides (including malathion), herbicides, corrosives and other chemicals. Many of the containers in the facility are compromised and leaking.</p> <p>The storage facility is located in a residential area next to a senior center. A full inventory of the facility was not possible due to health and safety concerns.</p>		
5. Response Operations		
<p>The damaged and undamaged containers of chemicals will be removed from the facility, secured and over-packed into larger containers suitable for transport to a hazardous waste disposal facility. The storage facility will then be cleaned of remnant contamination. A nearby fenced area owned by the Ute Tribe will be used as a temporary staging area.</p> <p>The timing of these activities are still being scheduled.</p>		



Historic ammunition depot now used to store chemicals.



A variety of pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals are present.



Many of the containers are leaking. These contain malathion.