

1. Site Name	2. Operational Period	Incident Briefing
Fort Duchesne Chemicals	February 12-16, 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, 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 the chemicals in the historic structure. 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 were found to be compromised and leaking.</p>		
5. Response Operations		
<p>An EPA Response Team responded to the Site on February 13, 2018 and began removing both damaged and undamaged containers of chemicals from the facility. These chemicals are being tested and packed into larger containers of similar hazard classification for transport to a hazardous waste disposal facility. A nearby fenced area owned by the Ute Tribe will be used to temporarily store the newly packed containers until their transport to a disposal facility can be arranged.</p> <p>Once all the containers have been removed from the building, a full accounting of the chemicals removed will be developed. The building will be cleared of remnant contamination to the extent practical and returned to the Tribe for use.</p> <p>EPA’s Response Team at the Site expects to complete their activities on February 14, 2018.</p>		