

1. Site Name	2. Operational Period	Incident Briefing
Fort Carson Tire Fire	March 19-24, 2018	
3. Site Description		
<p>On Monday March 19, 2018 EPA received a call from State authorities about a wild lands grass fire on Fort Carson Army Base, near Colorado Springs, CO that set a fence constructed of compressed tires located on adjacent private property on fire. At the request of the State, County, and Local authorities, EPA deployed an On Scene Coordinator (OSC), Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START), and Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractors to the Site that same day.</p>		
4. Current Situation		
<p>An On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) with EPA Region 8’s Emergency Response Unit visited the Site on March 19, 2018. Upon arriving the Hanover Fire Department and State Fire Marshal provided a site visit. They provided a briefing on the current situation of the tire fire and the smoke that was affecting the local neighborhood and elementary school causing them to be evacuated. ERRS and START were notified to mobilize to the site and arrived at the site.</p> <p>Update March 20: EPA and START provided air monitoring at the elementary school and at the site perimeter. EPA also conducted a visual assessment and air monitoring for smoke deposition at the school. Visual inspection on all the HVAC system filters was conducted. Based on that assessment and the fact that the school HVAC system was shut down before it was evacuated on Friday 3/16/18 EPA and the Hanover fire chief concurred that it was safe to open. Based on this information the fire chief opened the school.</p> <p>Update March 21: ERRS mobilized operators and 2 excavators, 3 water trucks, 1 bulldozer and 1 front loader to the site. ERRS started pulling the burning tires off the wall and away from the hotspots. As the tires were spread out, dirt and water was added to put the fire out. START monitored the air for worker and public safety. The fire was extinguished by the end of the day. Soil samples for waste characterization were taken by START and sent to the lab for metals analysis. CDPHE provided a letter allowing the local landfill to receive the burnt tire waste as long as it passed TCLP for metals. Several news crews were monitoring the site throughout the day. The OSC was interviewed by multiple news channels throughout the response.</p> <p>Update March 22: Fire remained out and only one hotspot was identified and addressed. The debris was piled up in preparation for disposal. A dam that was installed in the arroyo to help control runoff was removed and the area was cleaned up. Samples for lab analysis were also collect.</p> <p>Update March 23: Debris continued to be piled up in preparation for disposal. Work onsite will commence on Tuesday March 27th once sample results are received on Monday March 26th.</p>		
5. Response Operations		
<p>EPA will be trucking the tire fire debris to a state approved landfill. The Team will continue to monitor air quality on-site and in the surrounding areas and will be assessing the last evacuated house for re-occupancy.</p>		

