

**U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Removal Assessment Pollution Report**

SUBJECT: Hartland Faucet / Lincoln Metals
Lincoln, Alabama

TO: Jim McGuire, Chief
Removal Operations Section

FROM: Warren Dixon, OSC
Emergency Response and Removal Branch

I. Site Information

Response Authority: CERCLA
NPL Status: Not Listed
Street Address: 248 Foundry Road
Lincoln, Talladega County, Alabama

II. Background

The Hartland Faucet / Lincoln Metals site is located in Lincoln, Talladega County, Alabama. The facility was built in 1947, however the earliest evidence of operation found was dated 1956 when the company changed its name from Lincoln Metals & Chemical Company, Inc. to Lincoln Metals Co., Inc. During this time the facility was operated by Fred C. Hahn. In March of 1972, Royal Brass Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, Ohio bought Lincoln Metals Company, Inc. and became Lincoln Metals Corporation. In 1999, Lou Moonshower brought into Lincoln Metals Corporation. In February of 2000, Heartland Faucet Company of Frankfort, Indiana received a loan from the First National Bank of Talladega and purchased the property from Royal Brass. In 2001 permit and ownership were transferred to the Heartland Faucet Corporation of Frankfort, Indiana. Sometime during March of 2001, Heartland Faucet declared bankruptcy and in November, Silvercrown Investments, purchased the company out of bankruptcy.

While the facility was operating as Heartland Faucet, the foundry produced brass faucet fittings using enviro-brass or green brass, which has a low lead content. While operating as Lincoln Metals, the foundry most likely produced red brass, which has a high lead content. On January 21, 2004, Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) had a site visit and discovered three large debris piles inside of the fence area of the facility. The piles consisted of remnant slag, foundry sand, broken casting ladles, faucet fittings, and other rubble. The spent foundry sand consist of copper compounds and other metals. Foundry sand was also observed off-site, all along the northern end of the facility.

III. RESULTS OF THE SITE ASSESSMENT

On January 25, 2007 the OSC (Warren Dixon) conducted a Removal Assessment of the Heartland Faucet / Lincoln Metals site. The OSC discovered a facility approximately 21,000 square feet situated on an approximately 1.73 acre tract of land. A bag house is located on the north side of the building and the entire facility is fenced but has no working locks. Two location within the fence area of the site contains an unknown amount of soil that is partially covered. The covers on the stock piles are torn in areas that will allow rain water to come in contact the soil and discharge to a nearby drainage ditch. Approximately five to six residential properties border the northern boundary of the site. According to an August 4, 2006, Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) file memo, the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Waste Program has expended all possible RCRA-related actions related to the site. A memo (ADEM) dated March 11, 2004, indicated a total of 12 samples were collected from the Lincoln Metals site. The result of the sample analysis indicates a significant soil contamination throughout the facility and surrounding property.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

After the review of the Lincoln Metals files and a site visit to assess the physical location of the site and contaminated material located on the site; I recommend a removal action at the Lincoln Metals Site. Additional soil sampling of the nearby residential properties should be considered during the removal actions for the Lincoln Metals Site.

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Mr. Gerald Hardy
Alabama Department of Environmental Management
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Subject: Hartland Faucet/Lincoln Metals
Lincoln, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hardy:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Emergency Response and Removal Branch (ERRB) conducted a Removal Site Evaluation (RSE) at the above referenced site for potential removal action eligibility under the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

Based on the information collected during the RSE, the On Scene Coordinator (OSC) recommends this site be given a **high priority** for removal eligibility under EPA's Superfund Removal Program (See enclosed RSE memo). Concurrent with this recommendation, EPA may also begin its enforcement activities to determine potentially responsible parties for this Site.

A final determination of removal eligibility will be made by the OSC assigned to the site. A decision to conduct a removal action will be documented in an Action Memorandum and a copy will be forwarded to the State. Should the OSC make a final determination that a removal action is not warranted you will be subsequently notified of this determination.

Should you have any questions concerning ERRB's determination, please contact Warren Dixon, OSC at (404) 562-8739, or Jim McGuire, Chief of Removal Operations Section, at (404) 562-8911.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A SH", written over a large, loopy flourish.

A. Shane Hitchcock, Chief
Emergency Response & Removal Branch

Enclosure

cc: John Nolen, Tony Moore, Jim McGuire, OSC