

Polrep #8
Cosmechem Site
215 (a/k/a 201) North Warwick Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21223
Latitude 39.29076 Degrees North
Longitude 76.65576 Degrees West

Attention: Dennis Carney
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Regional Response Center

Event: CERCLA Removal Action

I. Situation (As of 1730 on 21 May 2004)

- A. CERCLA removal activities continue at the site consistent with the National Contingency Plan (NCP). The location is the former Cosmechem Company that has been abandoned. According to available information, Cosmechem Company was a wholesale distributor and manufacturer of industrial strength cleaning products. A responsible party has not been located. As a result, a fund-lead removal action is being conducted based on the OSC's determination of threat to public health and the environment.

II. Activities To-Date

- A. On May 19, 2004, ERRS continued consolidating compatible materials. ERRS segregated known chemicals into groups corresponding to the DOT Hazard Class. ERRS also sampled drums of consolidated material, unknown solid materials in bags, a tar-like substance by the tanker trailer, and the heating oil tank. START provided safety oversight and air monitoring during the consolidation process and sampling activities.
- B. On May 19, 2004, ERRS received bid proposals from three laboratories for the disposal analytical services. The work was awarded to Severn-Trent Laboratories (STL), Baltimore, Maryland.
- C. On May 20, 2004, ERRS continued sampling unknown consolidated liquids and solids for disposal analysis. ERRS also overpacked several containers that appeared to be in deteriorated condition, packed a drum of tar-like substance, and identified additional containers to be sampled. ERRS collected samples from 10 containers for disposal analysis.
- D. On May 21, 2004, ERRS overpacked known chemicals by DOT hazard class into shipping containers. Available MSDS sheets were researched for most of the chemicals. START will continue to research MSDS information for known chemicals that have not been categorized.

- E. ERRS submitted the recycling/reuse plan to EPA.
- F. Site security continues and is provided to ensure no unauthorized access to the site. Security is in place at the site during non-work hours on a daily basis.
- G. ERRS, START and EPA demobilized from the site at 1730 hours on May 21, 2004. Site security will be in place (24/7) during the demobilization.
- H. *Estimated Project Costs:*

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Costs to Date (5/20/04)</u>	<u>Projected (6/11/04)</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>
ERRS	\$54,136	\$103,668	\$200,000
START	\$17,032	\$ 30,582	\$ 50,000
Total	\$71,168	\$134,250 ¹	\$250,000²

III. Future Actions

- A. ERRS to prepare a Request for Bid (RfB) package for disposal services after the disposal analytical results have been received.
- B. START will continue providing support to the OSC as directed.
- C. The OSC anticipates that site operations will resume on June 14, 2004, pending receipt of analytical results, waste profile information and the schedule for transportation and disposal of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants.
- D. The OSC awaits a temporary hazardous waste generator ID number from the State of Maryland prior to remobilization. The OSC to provide additional information to MDE (disposal facility, transporter, shipment dates) to obtain the generator number. The OSC provided some information to MDE such as type and quantity of substances found on-site.
- E. The OSC anticipates issuing Polreps on an as-needed basis until remobilization.

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¹ These forecasted costs for both START and ERRS to the end of the task order. Does not include ERRS costs for offsite analytical services or transportation and disposal.

² Funds made immediately available through OSC delegated authority 14-2.