

Polrep #9  
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 22 June 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 June 21, 2004, EPA, START and ERRS mobilized to the site. Activities planned for the week of June 21 include shipment of containers of consolidated material, dispose the tanker trailer and the tar, and dispose of the material in the heating oil tank.
- B. Site security reported no incidents during the period of May 21, 2004 through June 21, 2004 (demobilization).
- C. START will provide site documentation and safety oversight during the tanker demolition and waste shipment activities. Analytical results from the material inside the tanker trailer showed detectable levels of lead, mercury and methylene chloride. Based on these results and information obtained from MSDS sheets, the OSC directed ERRS to dispose of the material and the tanker trailer.
- D. On June 21, 2004, the OSC obtained temporary Generator Number MDP000013652 from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to facilitate the transportation and disposal of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants.

- E. On June 22, 2004, ERRS began demolition of the tanker trailer. The outer shell and insulation was placed in a non-hazardous roll-off box. The inner shell and tar material will be placed in two separate roll-off boxes.
- F. ERRS provided information to the OSC on facilities designated to receive waste shipments from the site. The OSC provided this information to MDE as a basis to receive the temporary generator number.
- G. 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.
- H. *Estimated Project Costs:*

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Costs to Date (6/21/04)</u>	<u>Projected (7/01/04)</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>
ERRS	\$151,529	\$192,529	\$200,000
START	\$ 24,808	\$ 40,922	\$ 50,000
Total	\$175,337	\$233,451	<b>\$250,000<sup>1</sup></b>

**III. Future Actions**

- A. ERRS to prepare waste profiles and manifests for OSC signature to accompany waste shipments.
- B. Demolition of the tanker trailer will continue on Wednesday, June 23, 2004.
- C. START will work with ERRS to obtain information for the regulatory status of each facility designated to receive waste (RCRA compliance check).
- D. The OSC anticipates waste shipments will start on Friday, June 25, 2004.
- E. The OSC anticipates issuing Polreps on a twice-weekly basis until site activities are complete.

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<sup>1</sup> Funds made immediately available through OSC delegated authority 14-2.