

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
POLLUTION REPORT**

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2009

From: Karen Buerki

Subject: Initial and Final POLREP

Rome Hydrochloric Acid Spill

301 Darlington Dr SW, Rome, GA

Latitude: 34.2201420

Longitude: -85.1706440

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	
Reporting Period:	3/04/2009	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	3/4/2009	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	3/4/2009	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:	3/4/2009	NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:	3/4/2009	Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

EPA received NRC Report #899028 of a 700 gallon hydrochloric acid spill and evacuation at the Bekaert plant located in Rome, Georgia. R1 OSC Karen Buerki and R2 OSC Alyssa Hughes were dispatched.

Current Activities

A spill of 8,400 gallons of 35% hydrochloric acid solution occurred from an elevated storage tank at Bekaert Corporation. The spill originated from a valve assembly that was damaged when piping supports failed. Nearly all of the solution was captured within secondary containment. The valve assembly and supports were replaced and all of the solution in secondary containment was pumped to Bekaert's wastewater treatment plant. A small amount of the solution from the elevated storage tank was carried by the wind outside of the secondary containment. The impacted soil was excavated and drummed for disposal. An evacuation was put in place initially until the spill could be fully evaluated. It was lifted after the solution was pumped from secondary containment.

Planned Removal Actions

None. Response complete.

Next Steps

None

Key Issues

None

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