

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

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Subject: PSC Chemical Fire - 1st and Final POLREP
PSC Chemical Reclamation Services
405 Powell Street, Avalon, TX
Latitude: 32.2117000
Longitude: -96.7922000

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	A6N9
Reporting Period:	1st and Final POLREP	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	3/30/2009	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	3/30/2009	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:	3/30/2009	NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:	3/30/2009	Incident Category:	Removal Assessment
CERCLIS ID #:	TXD046844700	Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

PSC Chemical is a TSD facility located at 405 Powell Street, Avalon, Texas. The 87 acre facility began operations in 1984 as Chemical Reclamation Services, and was later acquired by PSC in 1994. Per facility representatives, the plant has a throughput of approximately 25,000 to 30,000 gallons of material per day. Approximately 20% of the material is sampled to verify its contents.

At approximately 19:30 on the evening of 03/29/2009, a fire began in the area of the plastics shredder (facility unit #57). By 20:15 the fire had been extinguished. A 2-mile evacuation radius was established by local authorities and later lifted. There were no injuries associated with the fire.

According to facility representatives, the source of the fire was not determined, but may have been from either plastic containers in totes waiting to be shredded or from electrical connections on the shredder. No containers holding chemicals were consumed by the fire.

Current Activities

In touring the facility on 03/30/2009, there were no apparent off-site impacts due to the fire.

Next Steps

No further action at the site is anticipated.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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