

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

**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2009  
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**Subject:** Initial/Final POLREP  
Blended Waxes  
1512 S. Main Street, Oshkosh, WI  
Latitude: 44.0042450  
Longitude: -88.5379400

<b>POLREP No.:</b> 1	<b>Site #:</b>
<b>Reporting Period:</b> 4/16/2009-4/29/2009	<b>D.O. #:</b>
<b>Start Date:</b> 4/16/2009	<b>Response Authority:</b> CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b> 4/16/2009	<b>Response Type:</b> Emergency
<b>Demob Date:</b> 4/16/2009	<b>NPL Status:</b> Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b> 4/29/2009	<b>Incident Category:</b> Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	<b>Contract #</b>
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>	

**Site Description**

On April 16, 2009, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) received a complaint of a white steaming material being discharged into Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh, (Winnebago County) Wisconsin. WDNR officials confirmed a release of a white soluble material from a storm sewer outfall into Lake Winnebago in the area of 15th and Main Streets. WDNR requested assistance from Oshkosh Fire Department, Oshkosh Public Works, and U.S. EPA. OSC Clayton responded.

**Current Activities**

Haz-Cat testing and field screening determined the white material to be neutral, with no appreciable volatility. No fish kill or wildlife damage was observed in or around the Lake. Oshkosh firefighters plugged the sewer outfall. The storm sewers throughout the immediate area were checked for the presence of the discharged material. The material was traced through the sewer lines to Blended Waxes, Inc, a nearby industrial facility that manufactures specialty waxes, synthetic greases, and wax emulsions. A process valve malfunction during the previous shift was identified as the cause of the spill. A mix of cooling water and a non-hazardous emulsifier product that normally is discharged to the sanitary sewer was discharged accidentally into the storm sewer.

**Planned Removal Actions**

Blended Waxes hired a plumber to install safeguards to prevent recurrence. Blended Waxes also contracted Chief Industrial Waste to clean the material out of the sewers. Oshkosh Public Works and WDNR oversaw the flushing of the sewer line and the re-opening of the outfall in Lake Winnebago.

**Next Steps**

WDNR is overseeing Blended Waxes' corrective actions. WDNR has established a timeline for completion of these actions.

**Estimated Costs \***

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				

<b>Total Site Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
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\* 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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