

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Removal Activities Begin

Biological Processors of Alabama

611 Finley Island Road, Decatur, AL

Latitude: 34.6217000

Longitude: -87.0519000

POLREP No.:	3	Site #:	A4XX
Reporting Period:	05/12/09-6/11/09	D.O. #:	
Start Date:		Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	6/8/2009	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
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Site Description

Biological Processors of Alabama (BPA) located in the industrial area of Decatur, Alabama and was referred to the Emergency Response and Removal Branch by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). BPA is a centralized waste treatment facility that collected, treated wastes from facilities throughout northern Alabama. The facility utilized oil/water separators, precipitation of wastes and neutralization in preparation for discharging to the Decatur Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The facility started operations in the Fall of 2004 and ceased operations in the Fall of 2008.

The site consists of 35 frac tanks, 16 above-ground storage tanks (ASTs), 1 tanker truck, an open pit, secondary containments, process equipments, numerous drums and totes, and many laboratory reagents. There are more than 1 million gallons of wastewaters containing hazardous substances abandoned at the site.

The site will consist of 2 phases. Phase 1 will be addressed first due to higher threats (ASTs, secondary containment, piping, containers, and soils). Phase 2, which includes frac tanks and process equipment inside building, will be addressed after Phase 1 is complete.

Current Activities

Site is being prepped for removal activities. The Action Memo was signed in May 12, 2009.

- 1) Drums and totes are being organized and labeled for sampling.
- 2) Wastewater from upper secondary containment was pumped into frac tank.
- 3) Rainwater from the lower secondary containment was pumped out.
- 4) Security is provided after hours.

Planned Removal Actions

Below is the list of planned removal activities for Phase 1.

- 1) Characterize drums, totes, and containers for disposal.
- 2) Dispose of wastewaters and sludges from ASTs.
- 3) Decon ASTs and secondary containments.
- 4) Decon or remove the AST's pipes.

5) Dipose of waste in tanker truck.

6) Excavate and dispose of any contaminated soils.

Next Steps

Sample drums and totes.

Key Issues

None

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