

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

**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2009

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**To:** Sean Carney, RI DEM

**Subject:** Final POLREP

Wanskuck Mills

715R Branch Avenue, Providence, RI

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	3	<b>Site #:</b>	01EM
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	11/5/2008 to 5/28/2009	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	8/11/2008	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	8/11/2008	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>	5/28/2009	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	RIN000105853	<b>Contract #:</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

#### **Site Description**

The Wanskuck Mills Power Plant building consists of a former power mill for the former Wanskuck Mills complex located on Branch Street in a mixed residential, commercial and industrial area of Providence, RI. The mill is no longer operating and is in disrepair.

At the request of the local Providence Fire Department, EPA inspected the Wanskuck Mills Site with the RI DEM representatives. During the inspection, approximately ninety 55- and 30-gallon drums and two hundred 5- gallon pails were observed with labels indicating the contents were hazardous substances (i.e., xylene, methyl ethyl ketone, ethyl benzene, toluene, etc.). Samples from four 55-gallon drums indicated the presence of solvents such as methyl ethyl ketone (7,110 ppm), ethylbenzene (10,610 ppm), xylene (65,090 ppm), and toluene (186,670 ppm or 18.6%).

#### **Current Activities**

Refer to previous POLREPS for activities conducted to 11/4/2008. The PRP completed the cleanup of the site on October 30, 2008. However, he did not have the funds to pay for the Completion of Work Report.

In June 2009, EPA received the Completion of Work Report dated 5/28/2009 necessary to fulfill the obligations of the administrative order and formerly close out this site.

The cost of the cleanup to the PRP (estimated by the PRP) was approximately \$38,961.

#### **Next Steps**

No further actions are planned for this site at this time.

#### **Key Issues**

No key issues remain for this site.

#### **Disposition of Wastes**

The following wastes were removed from the site:

55 gallon drums - 62

(5) gallon pails - 220

Sample jars - (2) 5 gallon pails

Total Volume = 25 cubic yards or approx 37 tons.

Triumvirate shipped the wastes on October 21, 2008 and October 30, 2008. The wastes were shipped to Ross Incineration Services Grafton, Ohio and Pollution Control Industries of East Chicago, Illinois.

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