

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Rolnick Property Site - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region I

**Subject:** POLREP #2  
Pollution Report #2 - Preparations for Excavation and Stabilization  
Rolnick Property Site  
01EU  
Brewer, ME  
Latitude: 44.7903000 Longitude: -68.7700000

**To:**  
**From:** Dan Wainberg, On-Scene Coordinator  
**Date:** 7/13/2009  
**Reporting Period:** 04/04/09 to 07/11/09

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	01EU	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	8/18/2008
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Response Lead:</b>	EPA	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	10/16/2008	<b>Start Date:</b>	10/16/2008
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	MEN000105888	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

1.1.1 Incident Category

CERCLA Removal Action

1.1.2 Site Description

1.1.2.1 Location

The Site, which abuts the Penobscot River, is located in a mixed residential and commercial area and is approximately 0.5 miles from the Brewer town center. According to 2006 census data, Brewer has an approximate population of 9,079.

Location details are:

- 151 South Main Street, Brewer, Penobscot County, Maine; and
- North 44°47'25.31" latitude, west 68°46'12.43" longitude.

The Site is bordered to the:

- North by three residential properties along Hardy Street and a town owned parcel that is the location of a formerly active municipal landfill and currently houses a pump station. Additionally, this parcel is being utilized as a staging area for the Maine Department of Transportation;
- East by South Main Street;
- West by the Penobscot River; and
- South by the Penobscot River and a commercial property.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

In January of 2008, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) requested that EPA Region 1 Emergency Planning & Response Branch evaluate the subject property, which is currently privately owned, to determine whether lead contaminated surface and subsurface soils along the Penobscot River pose a public health and environmental threat. On 18 April 2008, OSC Wainberg and Enforcement Coordinator Hennessy met with MEDEP representative Tracy Weston at the DEP Augusta offices to perform a file review and to conduct a site visit at the Rolnick Property. At the Site, T. Weston and the current property owner provided a tour and explained previous investigations and removal work. On 15 May 2008, the OSC, EPA contractors, and MEDEP completed a Removal Program Preliminary

Assessment/Site Investigation (PA/SI), which included collecting soil samples in areas of concern MEDEP previously identified. OSC Wainberg recommended a time-critical removal action at the Rolnick Property Site in a Closure Memorandum dated 14 July 2008

On 19 August 2008 an Action Memorandum was approved authorizing a removal action at the Rolnick Property Site to address the public health and environmental threat posed by the lead in surface soils along the Penobscot River.

## **2. Current Activities**

### **2.1 Operations Section**

#### **2.1.1 Narrative**

Since POLREP #1, the following activities have been conducted:

From the end of April 2009 until the week of 6 July 2009, engineering support from the Superfund Technical Assistance and Response Team (START) finalized design and specification plans for a rip-rap revetment, which will be installed to stabilize the riverbank after contaminated soil that threatens to release into the river has been excavated. *The design and specification plans are based on the conceptual plans developed by USACE during this past winter.*

During the week of 6 July:

- The Emergency Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor mobilized equipment and personnel resources;
- The ERRS contractor set up the site command post and support area;
- The ERRS contractor began establishing the site perimeter (*perimeter will be finalized once all fencing is delivered*); and
- The ERRS contractor conducted clearing and grubbing activities in preparation for riverbank work.

#### **2.1.2 Response Actions to Date**

In 2006, MEDEP performed a remediation of petroleum contaminated soils in the northeast corner of the property where the former gasoline station was located.

### **2.2 Planning Section**

#### **2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

##### **2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

- Continue clearing and grubbing activities;
- Establish contaminated soil staging area;
- Receive rip-rap revetment materials;
- Install turbidity curtain in the Penobscot River around the work area; and
- Initiate soil excavation.

##### **2.2.2 Issues**

- Air monitoring will commence when soil excavation activities begin.

### **2.3 Logistics Section**

N/A

### **2.4 Finance Section**

No information available at this time.

### **2.5 Other Command Staff**

#### **2.5.1 Safety Officer**

N/A

#### **2.6 Liaison Officer**

N/A

#### **2.7 Information Officer**

N/A

## **3. Participating Entities**

### **3.1 Unified Command**

N/A

### **3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

EPA is working closely with the following agencies:

- MEDEP is providing field soil sampling analysis and anticipates funding and coordinating the re-vegetation of the riverbank;
- USACE has provided the Conceptual Plans for the riverbank stabilization and will remain available for concurrence, regulatory coordination, and technical support;
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for coordination pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act;
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for coordination pursuant to Section 7 of the

Endangered Species Act; and

- City of Brewer is providing assistance in areas of public works, law enforcement, fire, parks and rec., and other assistance as necessary.

#### **4. Personnel On Site**

- 1 EPA On-Scene Coordinator
- 1 START Contractor
- 7 ERRS Contractors

#### **5. Definition of Terms**

N/A

#### **6. Additional sources of information**

##### **6.1 Internet location of additional information/report**

For additional information please refer to <http://www.epaosc.net/RolnickPropertySite>.

##### **6.2 Reporting Schedule**

N/A

#### **7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.