

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

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Subject: Initiation of Action

Root Paint & Glass Company
422 S. Adams St, Hoquiam, WA
Latitude: 46.9763150
Longitude: -123.9015290

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	10GT
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	7/14/2009	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	7/14/2009	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

Root Paint & Glass Company was an industrial paint facility that specialized in the painting of bridges and other industrial applications. While in operation there was improper storage and disposal of on-site spent-thinners, discarded or off-speculation solvent/oil based paint materials, and specialized finishes and paint coatings. Washington Department of Ecology requested EPA assistance. While on the site visit, EPA & Ecology observed about 900 containers as described below:

- Numerous containers, ranging in size from 1-pint to 55 gallons, suspected to contain latex and oil-based paint products including numerous specialty coatings. Several of the containers are labeled "corrosive" and/or "flammable"; however, many containers lack labels or the labels could not be read. In addition, many containers are corroded, rusted, or leaking.
- Two 55-gallon drums suspected to contain methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), toluene, and methylene chloride.
- Three 55-gallon drums suspected to contain Cuprasol, a copper plating solution.
- Numerous spent fluorescent tubes likely containing mercury and ballast containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).
- An area of ash and unburned paint waste on the ground surface of the yard

Current Activities

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-EPA, START, & ERRS mobilized to the Site, and began moving debris, setting up staging areas, repairing the fence, and setting up wrangler totes. EPA also met with Hoquiam Fire Chief (Paul Dean) & Hoquiam Building Official (Orlando Howell) on Site.

-ERRS separated latex and oil based paint products, and packed 14 wrangler totes.

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-START performed X-ray fluorescence (XRF) of surface soil for assessment and characterization. Results are indicating elevated levels of Chromium and Lead in several different areas.

-START, EPA, & ERRS sampled 109 drums, and analyzed the samples by hazard categorization techniques.

-ERRS separated latex and oil based paint products and packaged them in wrangler totes. 9 latex totes and 22 oil totes were packed.

-ERRS is coordinating with RCRA program on disposal facilities.

-USCG Strike Team is overseeing Site Health & Safety.

Planned Removal Actions

- WA Ecology to visit Site on July 16, 2009.
- START to sample soil & sandblast debris for metals, TCLP (r(IV)), and VOCs.
- ERRS to continue to separate latex and oil based paint products and package them in wrangler totes.
- ERRS to bulk waste and overpack drums.

Next Steps

- Arrange for transportation and disposal of paint products, soil/sandblast grit, and unknowns.

Key Issues

- Unable to visually delineate between contaminated and uncontaminated soil. Need a full soil assessment.

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