

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



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region I

Subject: POLREP #3
Pollution Report #3 - Continuation of Operations
Rolnick Property Site
01EU
Brewer, ME
Latitude: 44.7903000 Longitude: -68.7700000

To:
From: Dan Wainberg, On-Scene Coordinator
Date: 7/30/2009
Reporting Period: 07/12/09 to 07/26/09

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

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

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 #2, the following activities have been conducted:

During the week of 13 July:

- The Emergency Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor began setting up the waste staging area;
- The ERRS contractor completed establishing the site perimeter;
- The ERRS contractor conducted clearing and grubbing activities;
- The ERRS contractor removed exposed timbers and car frames along the riverbank where excavation work will begin;
- The engineer from the Superfund Technical Assistance and Response Team (START) contractor conducted a site visit and pre-construction meeting to provide and review the design and specification plans for the rip-rap revetment with EPA and the ERRS contractor; and
- Rip-rap revetment fill materials were received and staged in preparation for revetment installation.

During the week of 20 July:

- The ERRS contractor initiated riverbank excavation and rip-rap revetment installation activities;
- The ERRS contractor continued removing timbers and car frames along the riverbank;
- The START contractor conducted air monitoring activities; and
- Rip-rap revetment fill materials continued to be delivered to the site.

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 as necessary for riverbank work;
- Continue to receive rip-rap revetment materials;
- Continue soil excavation and rip-rap revetment installation activities; and
- Determine appropriate disposal facilities for site wastes.

2.2.2 Issues

- Air monitoring will be conducted during all soil excavation activities.

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

Refer to Cooperating Agencies Section

2.7 Information Officer

On 21 July, representatives from ABC News Channel 2 out of Bangor, Maine visited the site and conducted interviews with the OSC and the MEDEP site coordinator.

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
- 1 MEDEP Representative

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.