

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

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Subject: Frasier Paint & Paper Soil Site
5 Logan Avenue, Glens Falls, NY
Latitude: 43.3177167
Longitude: -73.6527667

POLREP No.: 16	Site #: YY
Reporting Period:	D.O. #: 079
Start Date: 9/17/2009	Response Authority: CERCLA
Mob Date: 9/23/2009	Response Type: Time-Critical
Demob Date:	NPL Status: Non NPL
Completion Date:	Incident Category: Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #: NYN000206215	Contract # EP-W-04-055
RCRIS ID #:	

Site Description

In September, 2007, NYSDEC Region 5 rep. Mike McClean contacted the EPA Region 2 Regional Response Center and requested EPA assistance with an abandoned paint store in the City of Glens Falls, NY. The building had been acquired by the City through a tax foreclosure and the dangerous condition of the building was discovered by while the property was being evaluated for a Brownfields redevelopment Grant.

The building was located in the center of a residential area, adjacent to an elementary school and ball field. The materials inside the building were identified by DEC and Brownfields assessors as paint and solvents.

On September 20, 2007, OSC Eric Daly met with NYSDEC and City officials and performed a preliminary assessment of the building. OSC Daly observed that the roof structure was deteriorated and that approximately 1,000 rusted containers of paint and solvent were haphazardly stacked throughout the facility. EPA conducted air monitoring along the perimeter of the building, inside the premises, and along the school grounds.

The building consisted of the main level, a partial basement, and an attic. The entire structure was unstable. The roof was dramatically bowed and perforated and the main room ceiling was collapsing. Containers of solvents and leaking/rusted containers of paint and unknown substances were located on all 3 levels and haphazardly stacked.

EPA was officially requested to conduct a removal action by the Mayor of Glens Falls, the Glens Falls Fire Department, and the Principal of Sanford Street Elementary School. NYSDEC issued a verbal referral of the site to EPA on September 20, 2007, and, based on the verbal referral, on September 20, 2007,

ERRD Director G. Pavlou gave a verbal authorization to proceed with a removal action. A formal written referral was received by EPA on September 21, 2007.

EPA mobilized its ERRS contractors on September 24, 2007. Initial efforts concentrated on stabilizing the structure and identifying, and consolidating the containers. All hazardous substances were packaged into cubic-yard boxes, staged in Conex shipping containers in an adjacent parking lot, and shipped off-Site for disposal. On October 10, 2007 the removal action was completed.

The City demolished the empty structure in the fall of 2007, and hired a consultant to perform a Phase II soil analysis. On June 24, 2008, the City received a report which revealed the presence of elevated levels of mercury in the soil underneath the footprint of the building. Following the release of this report, EPA received a written request from the City for assistance in removing the contaminated soil, and a written referral of the Site to EPA from the NYSDEC for additional removal work was sent on 8/6/2008.

Current Activities

The OSC and ERRS contractor will be at the Site on 9/17 to remove the plastic sheeting and acquire two soil samples for Disposal analysis (TCLP) for mercury. ERRS will approach a commercial establishment adjacent to the Site to inquire about arrangements to rent temporary office space.

The OSC and ERRS contractor will meet with City and school officials on 9/18 to discuss logistics, health concerns such as noise and fugitive dust control, traffic patterns around the school, start/stop times, and use of part of the adjacent parking lot to stage equipment and roll-offs to be loaded. Representatives from the NYSDEC and NYSDOH have been invited to attend this meeting.

The Admin Record has been established in the Glens Falls Public Library and a public notice announcing the location of the repository was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Glens Falls area.

Planned Removal Actions

If the two soil samples pass TCLP ($Hg < 0.2$ ppm) the soil can be disposed of as non-hazardous waste. If the samples fail TCLP ($Hg > 0.2$ ppm) the soil will have to be disposed of as a RCRA (D009) hazardous waste at twice the cost of non-haz disposal.

The ERRS contractor will be on-Site on 9/23 to erect a barrier fence, set up the office, and cordon-off areas of the parking lot for staging equipment and containers.

Full mobilization of crew and equipment and personnel to the Site to commence removal activities will occur during the week of 9/28.

Next Steps

Meet with City and school officials. Set up office area and prepare to initiate the removal action. Award bid for transportation and disposal of all waste streams and initiate on-Site activities in accordance with the scope-of-work specified in the Action Memo.

Key Issues

See above

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$240,000.00	\$450.00	\$239,550.00	99.81%
RST/START	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$250,000.00	\$450.00	\$249,550.00	99.82%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the

government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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