

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
MIC Electronics Recycling - Removal Polrep
Initial and Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region X

Subject: POLREP #1
MIC Electronic Recycling Initial and Final
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Forest Grove, OR
Latitude: 45.5109060 Longitude: -123.0926360

To:
From: Daniel Heister, On-Scene Coordinator
Date: 9/28/2009
Reporting Period: September 17, 2009

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:	Action Memo Date:	9/28/2009
Response Authority: CERCLA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead: EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Assessment
NPL Status: Non NPL	Operable Unit:	R10/ECL/ERU
Mobilization Date: 9/17/2009	Start Date:	9/17/2009
Demob Date: 9/17/2009	Completion Date:	9/17/2009
CERCLIS ID:	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:	State Notification:	ODEQ
FPN#:	Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

RCRA ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT REQUEST

1.1.2 Site Description

Ms. Xiangyu Chu, Region 10 RCRA compliance officer for the Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) regulations, contacted Mike Slater, USEPA/R10/OOO, in Portland OR by phone on September 16th and asked for assistance with the MIC Recycling case. Ms. Chu, works in the Air and RCRA Compliance Unit managed by Jeff Kenknight. She told Slater that in order to protect potential evidence gathered during the RCRA compliance inspection conducted in August 2009, a lock and custody seals needed to be placed on the shipping container located at the MIC Electronics Recycling facility located at 1280 SW Fern Hill Rd., Forest Grove, Oregon.

Slater confirmed with Bruce Long, R10/RCRA/OOO, via phone on September 16th that the facility was the subject of pending EPA enforcement, however, Mr. Long, the inspector on the case, would not be available because he was in Seattle preparing with the Office of Regional Counsel to provide testimony before an administrative hearing in an unrelated case. Since Slater had no enforcement credential and has never been an inspector Mr. Long referred him to Daniel Heister, FOOSC R10/ECL/OOO. Slater requested Heister's help to conduct the on-site activity based on Heister's experience as both an Inspector and an FOOSC to ensure the evidence was appropriately secured. Heister was briefed on the particulars of the case at approximately 1530 hrs on September 16, 2009. Heister agreed to meet Slater at the facility at at 700 hrs the following morning. Forest Grove, OR is approximately 20 miles west of Portland.

Heister met Slater at the above facility the following morning. There was no one at the facility when they arrived at 7:15. After knocking on the door of the facility and confirming no one was present Slater and Heister waited an additional Thirty minutes when they decided to seal the container parked on the west side of the building. The shipping container was in the open and not behind any fencing or barriers. They did not open the shipping container to examine its contents they simply locked it. In addition to a padlock, Heister placed three signed and dated custody seals over the rubber seal on the container doors. Mr. Slater wrote a short explanatory note with Ms. Chu's phone number for questions from the facility and attached it to the container. Please see attached photos. Heister and Slater left the facility at approximately 800 hrs on September 17, 2009.

1.1.2.1 Location

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

This shipping container was filled with used electronic equipment and shipped to China. Upon arrival Chinese authorities inspected the contents and rejected the container, shipping it back to the facility in Oregon. EPA R10 inspected the container in August 2009. On September 16 ORC and the RCRA program made a determination that it was necessary to impound the contents of the container.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

The container was locked and custody sealed.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

See above

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

see above

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

RCRA Enforcement case in progress.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

Waste Stream	Medium	Quantity	Manifest #	Treatment	Disposal

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Enforcement

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

None

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

none

2.2.2 Issues

None

2.3 Logistics Section

NA

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

NA

2.6 Liaison Officer

NA

2.7 Information Officer

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

NA

2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

NA

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

NA

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.