

**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.:	20	Site #:	YY
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	079
Start Date:	9/21/2009	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	9/21/2009	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 contractor on September 24, 2007. Initial efforts focused on stabilizing the structure and identifying/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. Following receipt of that request, EPA conducted a removal assessment of the Site, including the acquisition of numerous soil and paint samples which were tested for hazardous constituents. Based on the analytical results and the close proximity of a public school, a decision was made to initiate a response action. This decision is documented in an Action Memo which was signed on 8/18/2009.

Current Activities

Bulking of the painted concrete flooring began on 10/5 and was completed by 10/7. The bulked waste stream was transported to the Ontario County (NY) Landfill for T & D on 10/8/2009. A small roll-off remains on-Site for any buried pieces of painted flooring that may be uncovered during the subsequent excavation work.

ERRS continues to find old glass bottles as the soil is removed. This confirms the belief that the contaminate material being removed dates back almost 100 years years and is not related to any activities immediately following the demolition of the Frasier building.

ERRS began scraping and staging the top 6 - 8 inch layer of radioactive fly-ash on-Site pending the arrival of the first empty roll-off on 10/12.

Planned Removal Actions

Continue removing top layer of radioactive fly-ash and bulking it in roll-offs for disposal.

Begin excavating contaminated soil immediately following removal of the fly-ash overburden.

Next Steps

See above.

Key Issues

Key issues remain fugitive dust control and noise control.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$240,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$217,000.00	90.42%
RST/START	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$250,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$227,000.00	90.80%

* 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.

