

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region I
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Wells G&H Site - Olympia Property
60 Olympia Avenue, Woburn, MA
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POLREP No.:	5	Site #:	0146
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	3/28/2003	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	3/28/2003	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	MAD980732168	Contract #	
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Site Description

The Wells G & H Superfund Site covers approximately 330 acres in Woburn, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. The Site includes the aquifer and land mass area located within the zone of contribution to the City of Woburn's two municipal drinking water wells known as Wells G & H. The Olympia Property is one of the five primary source areas of contamination within the Federal Superfund Site. TCE-contaminated soils in the subsurface have contaminated ground water and continue to act as an ongoing source of ground water contamination. In addition, PCBs were present in exposed surface soils in the former drum disposal area, where they posed a direct contact threat to those who may enter the site. See previous polreps for additional background information.

Current Activities

The Olympia Nominee Trust (Olympia) has been identified as a potentially responsible party (PRP) as the owner of the site. In March 2003, Olympia entered into an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) in which the Olympia committed to conducting removal activities at the site. Olympia's contractor, GeoInsight, Inc. (GeoInsight) has mobilized to the site, excavated and disposed of surface soils contaminated with PCBs and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and prepared a work plan to address TCE-contaminated subsurface soils. The TCE work plan was approved by EPA on March 10, 2004. GeoInsight submitted the Final Report on April 2, 2004, which documented and summarized all removal activities conducted under the March 2003 AOC.

Planned Removal Actions

EPA and the PRP are currently negotiating a second AOC which will require the cleanup of the TCE contamination per the approved TCE work plan. The cleanup, which will involve in situ treatment via permanganate injection, will occur during the 2004 construction season.

Next Steps

EPA expects the second AOC to be signed during May 2004.

Key Issues

None identified at this time.

Disposition of Wastes

Five cubic yard boxes of contaminated soil, four 55-gallon drums of PCB-contaminated source material, and two 55-gallon drums of decontamination water were shipped to U.S. Liquids of Detroit, Inc. in Detroit, Michigan on June 25, 2003.

Twenty cubic yard boxes of contaminated soil were shipped to U.S. Liquids of Detroit, Inc. on June 26, 2003.

Thirty-one cubic yard boxes of contaminated soil and two 55-gallon drums of decontamination water were shipped to U.S. Liquids of Detroit, Inc. on August 28, 2003.

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