

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2009
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Subject: RP Clean Up Efforts Continue
KM Ventures
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POLREP No.:	8	Site #:	
Reporting Period:	Nov 1- Nov 8, 2009	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	8/28/2009	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	8/28/2009	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
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Site Description

The KM Ventures facility previously operated as Yorkshire America, a textile dye manufacturer. During late August 2009, OSC Ken Rhame conducted a site inspection with NC DENR and local authorities and discovered hundreds of drums of dye and dye intermediates in various conditions as well as several above ground storage tanks which contained residual caustic and acids. The facility is located on a 42-acre tract with 14 acres fenced around the plant. The facility is also bordered on the southeast by the Catawba River.

In October 2009, KM Ventures agreed to an Administrative Order with EPA Region 4 which included a scope of work to conduct the clean up.

Current Activities

During the week of November 2nd, KM Ventures arranged for the shipment of 160 drums of dye and dye intermediates to one vendor for reuse. The OSC reviewed conventional labeling and placarding procedures with KMV to insure the proper DOT shipping of drums. In addition, KMV and a local vendor continues to evaluate thirty-three totes of liquid dye in Building 18 and 60 totes of dry filter cake dye in Building 33 for resale. KM Ventures continues categorizing unknown drums, dye and chemical products into proper waste streams for bulking and disposal. Heavy rains over the past weekend have resulted in the stormwater tank nearing capacity of 250,000 gallons. NC DENRs Water Quality continues to oversee the testing, pH adjustment and approval of stormwater discharge.

Planned Removal Actions

On October 6th, KM Ventures entered into an Administrative Order Agreement with EPA Region 4. KM Ventures agreed to continue the clean up effort under the following Scope of Work:

1. Overpack/Stage all drums containing hazardous substances or oils that have holes in the containers inside.
2. Segregate/Isolate Unknowns, construct a staging area for unknowns w/secondary containment and position drums based on compatibility.
3. Lab-Packs should be inventoried and packed based on compatibility.
4. Bulk tanks should be inspected, bulk storage containers containing hazardous substance/oils that are in poor condition (faulty valves, etc.) should be off-loaded into stable containers until proper transport can be arranged for off-site use or disposal.
5. Identify and Inventory All Containers On Site.
6. Properly characterize, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with all federal and state laws.
7. EPA has requested that KM Ventures provide a Daily Activity Report to EPA and DENR until the site has been stabilized which at that point a Weekly Activity Report would be provided.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

* 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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