

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Monday, November 23, 2009

From: Perry Gaughan

Subject: RP Clean Up Effort Continues

KM Ventures

1602 North Main Street, Lowell, NC

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POLREP No.:	10	Site #:	
Reporting Period:	Nov 16th - Nov 23rd	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 #	
RCRIS ID #:			

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 16th, KM Ventures bulked 120 drums and 10 totes of aqueous dye from Building 4 into compatible waste streams for disposal. KMV continues to work with a local dye vendor on evaluating the remaining thirty-three totes of liquid dye staged in Building 18 and 60 totes of dry filter cake dye staged in Building 33. KMV continues categorizing the remaining unknown drums, dye and chemical products into proper waste streams for bulking and disposal and staging these drums in Building 3. In addition, KMV began discharging approximately 400,000 gallons of stormwater from wastewater storage under the direction of NC DENR Water Quality.

Planned Removal Actions

During October 2009, 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.