

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
EPA Response to Haiti Earthquake - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region II

Subject: POLREP #3
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Port-au-Prince, HT
Latitude: 18.5394190 Longitude: -72.3367230

To:
From: Duty Officer, Region 2 REOC
Date: 2/9/2010
Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	Contract Number:
D.O. Number:	Action Memo Date:
Response Authority:	Response Type:
Response Lead:	Incident Category:
NPL Status:	Operable Unit:
Mobilization Date:	Start Date:
Demob Date:	Completion Date:
CERCLIS ID:	RCRIS ID:
ERNS No.:	State Notification:
FPN#:	Reimbursable Account #:

1.1.1 Incident Category
Earthquake disaster

1.1.2 Site Description
Site conditions remain as previously reported.

1.1.2.1 Location

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

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`cãã~ãÇ=Eplrqe~ljFK==SOUTHCOR requested EPA to assist in the Haiti emergency and recovery
efforts. They specifically wanted the agency to participate on a Joint Task Force with our interagency
partners to develop an environmental way ahead for Haiti. The Joint Task Force will be comprised of other
federal partners. SOUTHCOR has reached out to the DOE, DOT/CG, US-AID and USEPA. EPA Region 2
initially has deployed two people to support this effort. The duration of their deployment will be 30 days.
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activities to secure country clearance, flights, and appropriate vaccinations has been completed for the initial team. Additional responders for future potential deployments are continuing to prepare.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

Initial team will be deployed on February 12, 2010 and returning to Region II on March 11, 2010.

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

None at this time.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
N/A					

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

EPA responders will provide initial environmental assessment; develop environmental strategies and planning; work with interagency Joint Task Force to provide short and long term environmental plans.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Working with the other Task Force members, EPA is scope potential mission areas and identify issues where assistance may be provided. EPA will coordinate actions with the Task Force agencies, and the Haitian government as necessary.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

EPA Region II, HQ, and the supporting Regions are in the process of planning for the resource support and sustaining of the response.

2.2.2 Issues

Funding mechanisms are required to support this mission past the initial 30 days.

2.3 Logistics Section

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Southern Command will be handling logistical operations (security, housing, food services, sanitation facilities) for the EPA while in Haiti. EPA personnel will not be establishing their own lodging arrangements at this time. Potential lodging arrangements during the early phase of this disaster may include lodging in a tent city within the Embassy compound.

During the initial mobilization phase, it is expected that all responders, including those from back-up EPA Regions, will depart from Edison, NJ to Miami, FL. The flights to Haiti for the EPA responders will be coordinated and organized by DOD.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

A pre-Deployment Health and Safety briefing package has been developed.

A draft Health & Safety Plan has been developed, based upon upon anticipated missions and activities. The initial HASP will need to be completed once a response mission and area of operation is established.

Both documents are posted on epaosc.org website.

2.6 Liaison Officer

2.7 Information Officer

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

All information concerning potential deployment to Haiti are being handled through the Region II REOC and informational updates by DHS are being posted on epaosc.org Haiti earthquake response website.

EPA public affairs contact information was shared with SOUTHCOM so external communications can be coordinated.

2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

None at this time.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

EPA will provide assistance to the Haitian government and other Federal Agencies (DOD, ACOE, FEMA, USCG, etc) as requested.

4. Personnel On Site

EPA personnel Michael Solecki and Alan Humphrey are being deployed on February 12, 2010.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

http://www.epaosc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=5732

6.2 Reporting Schedule

POL/SITREP's will be prepared Tuesday and Friday of each week unless the response situation dictates otherwise

7. Situational Reference Materials

Situational updates provided by DHS are posted on this website.