

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Truckers Warehouse - Removal Polrep
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region II

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial
Truckers Warehouse

Passaic, NJ
Latitude: 40.8556073 Longitude: -74.1420993

To:

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Date: 2/22/2010

Reporting Period: 2/22/2010

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A242	Contract Number:	EP-W-04-055
D.O. Number:	Requested	Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	3/1/2010	Start Date:	
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	NJR000073288	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	Yes
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response

1.1.2 Site Description

Truckers Warehouse, Inc. (TWI) is located in a highly populated mixed residential/commercial use area with a large minority and immigrant population, near the junction of four major roadways (I-80, Rt. 46, the Garden State Parkway, and Rt. 21). TWI operated as a warehousing facility, storing products for several different clients. The products ranged from brake drums to mud flaps for trucks. Truckers Warehouse, Inc. claims when they began business, they inherited the hazardous substances and non-hazardous substances from a client that went bankrupt and could not remove the substances. On January 11, 2008, NJDEP responded to a chemical fire at the Gaeta Recycling Plant in Patterson, NJ, and subsequently traced the chemical back to Truckers Warehouse, Inc. NJDEP officials conducted a site inspection of the TWI facility and found several containers of di-nitroso-pentamethylene tetramine (DNPT), the same material suspect in the Gaeta fire. DNPT is a shock sensitive and flammable solid material. According to DOT regulations, DNPT cannot be shipped unless it is in concentrations less than 82%. The material found at TWI is in concentrations of 100%. NJDEP directed TWI to hire a contractor to identify and segregate all chemicals on-site, overpack all containers, remove containers from the warehouse, and arrange for the disposal of all substances. TWI removed all containers from the interior of the warehouse and placed the non-hazardous substances on the loading dock located outside. Most hazardous substances were placed in a locked commercial transport trailer, backed to the loading dock. TWI recently entered bankruptcy, forcing NJDEP to refer the site to EPA. TWI currently has 30 overpacked drums located in a tractor trailer, 28 of which contain DNPT. TWI also has approximately 40 overpack drums on their loading dock containing non-hazardous substances and hazardous substances.

1.1.2.1 Location

61 Willet Street
Passaic, New Jersey 07055

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The quantity and explosive nature of the DNPT poses serious health and safety risks to the community.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

A site visit conducted on February 22, 2010 by EPA confirmed the presence of the abandoned DNPT.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

EPA has received a verbal authorization for emergency response activities and is in the process of activating the emergency response contractor.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

None taken

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

Prior to entering bankruptcy, Truckers Warehouse, Inc. leased the warehouse space from RJS Corp., who still owns the warehouse.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

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

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

EPA will activate the emergency response contractor and begin stabilization of chemicals for shipment and disposal.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

EPA will ensure the security and stabilization of chemicals.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Activate contractor and begin chemical stabilization.

2.2.2 Issues

None.

2.3 Logistics Section

The representative from RJS Corp. stated he would provide EPA with office space and warehouse space as well as lighting, heat, forklifts and pallet jacks.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

A Health and Safety Plan is being generated.

2.6 Liaison Officer

The EPA OSC will act as the liaison officer between RJS Corp, contractors, and state and local officials.

2.7 Information Officer

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

The PIC is not currently activated.

2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

The CIC is not currently activated.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

The Unified Command is not applicable to this response.

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

NJDEP, Clifton and Passaic Fire Departments.

4. Personnel On Site

OSC Keith Glenn, OSC Paul Kahn and OSC Kelli Lucarino

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/truckerswarehouse>

6.2 Reporting Schedule

Additional POLREPS will follow.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.