

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Halaco Structures - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IX

Subject: POLREP #2
Continuation of cleanup
Halaco Structures
09X6
Oxnard, CA
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Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	09X6	Contract Number:	EP-W_07-022
D.O. Number:	022-0960	Action Memo Date:	1/29/2010
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Non-Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	2/8/2010	Start Date:	2/8/2010
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	7/30/2010
CERCLIS ID:	CAD009688052	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Non-Time Critical Removal Action

1.1.2 Site Description

Halaco is the site of a former secondary smelter that processed primarily magnesium, but also aluminum. The site consists of the smelter parcel and the waste pile. The smelter originally contained multiple smelter buildings and an office building. Only the office building remains, the other buildings being demolished as part of this removal action. The office building was condemned on March 2, 2010, by the City of Oxnard. The Waste Pile and the smelter parcels are bisected by the Oxnard Industrial Drain.

1.1.2.1 Location

The site is located at 6200 Perkins Road, Oxnard, Ventura Co., CA. The site is in an industrial area. To the west is a POTW, to the north is a paper plant, to the east is the former Halaco Waste Pile and to the south is the Ormond Beach Wetlands, Ormond Beach and the Pacific Ocean.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The site is on the NPL and contains heavy metal and low level radioactive contamination.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

An assessment of the structure found structurally unsound buildings that had been previously condemned by the City of Oxnard. The soil in the southern portion of the site has low level (up to 15 times background) radioactive contamination. The site is currently being assessed as part of the RIFS process by the Remedial program.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

The removal will demolish both the Smelter and Bag House buildings. Prior to demolition, asbestos abatement will remove all asbestos containing materials from one of the furnaces identified as containing asbestos insulation. While on-scene the asbestos abatement subcontractor will remove other asbestos containing materials including wall mastic, and flooring. Both buildings will be deconstructed in a controlled manner. Dust control is a primary concern and the buildings will be vacuumed and wetted prior to deconstruction. The removal will generate several waste streams, including concrete debris, metal debris, miscellaneous non-hazardous municipal waste, and a limited amount of possibly hazardous waste. The concrete debris will be broken up into small pieces and used as fill in on-site vaults. Metal debris will be salvaged and sold as scrap. Miscellaneous non-hazardous construction waste will be disposed of in an appropriate landfill. Any waste material classified as hazardous under RCRA or California Title 22 will be dealt with in accordance with the relevant requirements.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

On February 25, 2010, OSC Robert Wise replaced OSC Marty Powell. The ERRS contractor was continuing to crush the building debris (concrete) into small pieces and spread it on the property as fill. ERRS was also continuing to collect scrap metal from the property. After OSC Wise met with the representative of the Haack family, the shroud on the far eastern smelter pot was cut up for scrap as well as the middle smelter pot.

On March 1, 2010, a press conference was held on the site. It was attended by local, County, State and Federal elected officials including Congresswomen Lois Capps. The press event was hosted by Superfund Division Director Keith Takata. On the afternoon of March 1, 2010, the City of Oxnard, Building Department visited the site to examine the remaining building, a brick office and warehouse structure. After examining the building, it was determined to be unsound and condemned by the city. Also on March 1, 2010, the removal of scrap metal began. ERRS secured a price of \$275/ton. As of March 5, 2010, approximately \$235,000 in scrap metal had been recycled and credited to the EPA by ERRS.

On March 3, 2010, ERRS removed the remaining slag washer via a crane. On that day, the representative of the Haacks also dismantled the remaining two smelter pots. This equipment will be shipped off-site at a later date.

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

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

ERRS will continue to remove the scrap metal for recycling. Once all of the scrap metal has been removed from the former smelter pot vaults, the vaults will be backfilled with building debris.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

2.2.2 Issues

The City of Oxnard has requested EPA demolish the office building prior to demolition. However, when contacted about this structure, the property owner denied to city permission to demolish the building.

Also during the removal action, OSC Wise and ERRS visited the waste pile to evaluate the condition of the coir matting. The matting is damaged in several places and requires repair. OSC Wise has recommended either repairing the matting or replacing it with a growth matrix and seed to the Remedial Project Manager assigned to the site.

2.3 Logistics Section

All logistical issues are being handled by the ERRS contractor.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

The START contractor was conducting air surveillance during the demolition activities. Air surveillance

ceased on March 1, 2010, due to the lack of dust generating activities.

2.6 Liaison Officer

Not Applicable

2.7 Information Officer

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

On March 1, 2010, a press event was had on-site. There was coverage in the local news stations and print media. Both OSC Wise, RPM Praskins and SFD Div. Director Takata gave interviews.

2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

Not applicable

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

Not Applicable

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

Oxnard Public Works, Oxnard Building and Safety, Oxnard Fire Department.

4. Personnel On Site

1 OSC, 1 START, 2 ERRS RM, 1 ERRS PAS, 6 ERRS Tech/Equipment Operators.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.