

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



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region II

**Subject:** POLREP #12  
EPA Response to Haiti Earthquake

Port-au-Prince, HT  
Latitude: 18.5394190 Longitude: -72.3367230

**To:**  
**From:** Planning Section Chief, Haiti Disaster Response, Region II REOC  
**Date:** 4/1/2010  
**Reporting Period:**

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

Site Number:	Contract Number:
D.O. Number:	Action Memo Date:
Response Authority:	Response Type: Emergency
Response Lead:	Incident Category:
NPL Status:	Non NPL Operable Unit:
Mobilization Date:	2/15/2010 Start Date: 2/15/2010
Demob Date:	4/1/2010 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

Republic of Haiti, all areas.

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

N/A

#### 1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

On February 1, 2010 EPA received a request for assistance from the Department of Defense Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) for EPA assistance in a Haiti recovery effort. They specifically wanted the Agency to participate in a Joint Task Force (JTF) to develop an assessment of public health and environmental needs for Haiti, for both short and long term goals. The JTF was comprised of other federal partners such as DOE, DOT/CG, ACOE, USAID and EPA. EPA Region 2 had deployed a second team of two OSCs for a 30-day tour to support this effort. Having completed all assignments, the EPA was demobbed on 3/31/2010.

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

As of this date, the involvement of ERRD personnel from Regions I, II & VI in the Haiti Response mission is terminated. Having completed all assignments given to EPA as part of the multi-agency Tiger Team, the two EPA OSCs have departed Haiti and are enroute back to the mainland.

Region II has received and disseminated copies of the Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment report,

prepared for the USAID. The report provides findings and recommendations in areas such as Waste Disposal, Disease Vector Control, Debris Management, Food Security, Hazardous Waste, etc.

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

n/a

#### **2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

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

### **2.2 Planning Section**

#### **2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

None at this time.

#### **2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

None at this time

#### **2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

Region II will compile an after-action summary report of its activities in connection with the Haiti Earthquake response. This summary will be provided to EPA Headquarters.

#### **2.2.2 Issues**

None at this time.

### **2.3 Logistics Section**

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N/A

### **2.4 Finance Section**

No information available at this time.

## **2.5 Other Command Staff**

### **2.5.1 Safety Officer**

Region II personnel returning from Haiti will continue to take doxycycline in accordance with approved medical protocol and the HASP.

### **2.6 Liaison Officer**

The Region II Planning Section Chief position has been demoted.

### **2.7 Information Officer**

#### **2.7.1 Public Information Officer**

N/A

#### **2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator**

N/A

## **3. Participating Entities**

### **3.1 Unified Command**

N/A

### **3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

EPA will continue to provide assistance to other federal agencies (DOD, ACOE, FEMA, USCG, etc.) as requested.

## **4. Personnel On Site**

EPA OSCs Jeff Bechtel and Mike Brescio departed Haiti on 3/31/2010. There are no other EPA personnel on Haiti.

## **5. Definition of Terms**

N/A

## **6. Additional sources of information**

### **6.1 Internet location of additional information/report**

<http://www.epaosc.org>. Click on "Web Sites", then "Region II". Scroll down to "Haiti Response" and click on that link.

### **6.2 Reporting Schedule**

This is the Final POLREP..

## **7. Situational Reference Materials**

Situational updates provided by DHS are posted on the [www.epa.osc](http://www.epa.osc) website.