

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Liberty Fibers - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IV

Subject: POLREP #3
Emergency Asbestos Containment Measures Continue
Liberty Fibers
B457
Morristown, TN
Latitude: 36.1493481 Longitude: -83.2048083

To:
From: Perry Gaughan, On Scene Coordinator
Date: 7/13/2010
Reporting Period: 6/01/2010 thru 6/30/2010

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	Contract Number:
D.O. Number:	Action Memo Date:
Response Authority: CERCLA	Response Type: Emergency
Response Lead: EPA	Incident Category: Removal Action
NPL Status: Non NPL	Operable Unit:
Mobilization Date: 4/21/2010	Start Date: 4/21/2010
Demob Date:	Completion Date:
CERCLIS ID:	RCRIS ID:
ERNS No.:	State Notification:
FPN#:	Reimbursable Account #:

1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response to contain and mitigate asbestos contamination.

1.1.2 Site Description

The Liberty Fibers Site is a former 350 acre rayon production facility previously operated by BASF until the mid 1990's. Since the mid 1990's, this facility operated as Lenzig Fibers and as Liberty Fibers until declaring bankruptcy. The facility was then purchased by Lowland Industries which operated a metal recycling business on site. During this period, several production buildings were demolished resulting in numerous debris piles containing friable asbestos.

1.1.2.1 Location

The site is located along Enka Road approximately one mile south of Interstate 81 in Morristown, Tenn (exit 12).

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

During apparent recycling activities on April 19th, a debris pile along the southern perimeter caught fire resulting in the Morristown Fire Dept responding. In order to minimize such future events, and to minimize the chance of asbestos exposure, the OSC elected to serve the owner with a Notice of Federal Interest in order to initiate site containment and mitigation measures. The site contains numerous construction debris piles with large quantities of friable asbestos.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

Concurrent to the April 19th fire and recent activities on site, the OSC requested that Reg 4 Technical Services Branch evaluate asbestos sampling conducted in Jan 2010 to determine if a threat to human health and the environment existed on site. A draft memo from Technical Services completed on April 21st indicates that such a threat does exist.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

Throughout June 2010, ERRs contractors continued applying "lock down agent" to several debris piles throughout the site. The OSC is fortunate to have the same ERRs crew who have asbestos experience from the Libby, Montana asbestos sites and are very knowledgeable on the construction of asbestos landfills. To that end, the OSC tasked ERRs to review potential areas behind the former facility which in the past were

used as landfills by BASF for containment of their rayon and production waste. ERRs have identified two potential areas which could serve as potential landfills. The OSC is working with the State of Tennessee to gain approval for one of these potential sites.

Concurrent to site activities during May and June 2010, the OSC received a call from a potential land purchaser who is interested in conducting the clean up under the presumption of purchasing the land for their use. This information has been passed to EPA's lead attorney for the site, Kevin Beswick. Mr. Beswick is reviewing the legitimacy of this proposal with EPA's Enforcement Section.

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

The OSC continues to coordinate enforcement issues with EPA's Kevin Beswick and EPA Enforcements Karen Coleman.

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

No information available at this time.

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

2.6 Liaison Officer

2.7 Information Officer

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

The OSC notified Morristown Tenn city officials and TDEC of EPA's planned activities.

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

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.