

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



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region IV

**Subject:** POLREP #4  
Site Stabilization & Security Continues  
Liberty Fibers  
B457  
Morristown, TN  
Latitude: 36.1493481 Longitude: -83.2048083

**To:**  
**From:** Perry Gaughan, On Scene Coordinator  
**Date:** 9/14/2010  
**Reporting Period:** July 15 - August 30, 2010

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

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

#### 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 at 4901 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

In late July, 2010, a BASF landfill trustee reported that the property owners contractor was apparently performing work on site during a temporary shut down of site clean up activities. The OSC requested additional funding from Region 4 ERFB and received that funding to continue security measures on site as well as asbestos abatement operations.

Beginning on August 3rd, ERRs contractors enhanced security at seven access points along the perimeter of the 350 acre site. Large concrete jersey barriers and steel cable gates were installed at these locations and security was reestablished. ERRs also continued asbestos containment measures and completed construction of a waterline to the site decontamination trailers. Local inspectors approved the waterline installation after some minor adjustments to an insulated pressure reduction box were made.

ERRs also continue to assist the OSC with asbestos disposal options by pursuing possible disposal at local landfills in the area. The cost of disposing of approximately 400,000 cubic yards of friable asbestos off site will most likely be prohibitive from preliminary estimates from those disposal facilities.

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

The OSC continues to research all potentially responsible parties (PRP's) and coordinate enforcement issues with EPA's site attorney 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.