

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Maxwell Creek Drums - Removal Polrep
Initial and Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region VI

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial & Final
Maxwell Creek Drums
A6Z4
Murphy, TX
Latitude: 33.0051600 Longitude: -96.5977700

To:
From: Adam Adams, OSC
Date: 10/12/2010
Reporting Period: 10/12/2010

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A6Z4	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	PRP	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	10/12/2010	Start Date:	10/12/2010
Demob Date:	10/12/2010	Completion Date:	11/15/2010
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response

1.1.2 Site Description

On October 12, 2010, the Murphy Fire Department notified the National Response Center (NRC # 956732) of two abandoned drums in a ditch near 400 South Maxwell Creek Road, Murphy, Texas with one of those drums reported to be leaking. EPA OSC Adams and the START-3 were activated at approximately 1300 on October 12, 2010 to conduct a site investigation and recover the leaking drums.

1.1.2.1 Location

400 Block of South Maxwell Creek Road, Murphy, TX 79094

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Potential Hazardous Material near a residential neighborhood and creek.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

Following activation of the response team, EPA contacted the reporting Fire Department to gather additional information. The local Murphy Fire Department representative informed EPA that the property owner, Oncor Electric had been notified of the drums. EPA contacted the property owner and informed them of the situation and requested a representative meet the response team at the site.

EPA OSC Adams and START-3 arrived onsite at approximately 1500 on October 12 and met with a representative of Oncor Electricity Delivery who was already at the site. The representative from Oncor stated that the drums are on Oncor owned property, and Oncor has taken responsibility of the drums. The

Oncor representative stated that he has contacted his cleanup contractor, Infrastrux T & D Services, to come and overpack the drums and remove any of the spillage and contaminated soil from the area around the drums, which will then be taken to an Oncor operated Waste Management Center in Lancaster, Texas. Prior to Infrastrux T & D Services arrival, START-3 conducted air monitoring around the drums with a FID and PID, and also conducted a Radiation survey. No readings were observed above background levels. Infrastrux T & D Services arrived at approximately 1600, and began to conduct cleanup activities. While onsite, EPA OSC Adams and START-3 observed Infrastrux T & D Services overpacking the drums and removing the contaminated soil and placing it in waste containers for disposal purposes. At approximately 1700, START-3 and OSC Adams demobilized from the site. At that time, the drums had been overpacked and loaded onto a transport vehicle and an additional Infrastrux T & D Services transport vehicle had arrived onsite to transport the contaminated soil.

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

The PRP at the time of this POLREP is Oncor Electric.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

The PRP recovered two 55 gallon drums along with approximately one to two cubic yards of spillage and contaminated soil and vegetation. The recovered waste will be staged at the Oncor operated Waste Management Center in Lancaster, Texas, be sampled and profiled, and appropriately disposed.

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

The Oncor representative stated that the drums would be sampled and the samples would be analyzed by a laboratory for waste disposal purposes. The Oncor representative stated the area where the soil was removed would be sampled and analyzed at a laboratory analysis, but laboratory analysis of the soil samples was dependant on the drum sampling results.

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

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

No information available at this time.

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

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

Additional information can be obtained at www.epaosc.org/MaxwellCreekDrums.

6.2 Reporting Schedule

No additional POLREPs will be submitted.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.