

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Social Circle Haz Waste Truck Accident - Removal Polrep
Initial and Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IV

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial and Final POLREP
Social Circle Haz Waste Truck Accident

Social Circle, GA
Latitude: 33.6123320 Longitude: -83.7559032

To:
From: Matthew Huyser, On Scene Coordinator
Date: 1/3/2011
Reporting Period: 12/28/2010

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	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: 12/28/2010	Start Date: 12/28/2010
Demob Date: 12/28/2010	Completion Date: 12/29/2010
CERCLIS ID:	RCRIS ID:
ERNS No.:	State Notification:
FPN#:	Reimbursable Account #:

1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency

1.1.2 Site Description

At approximately 1100hrs in Newton County, GA, a tractor-trailer belonging to Robbie D. Wood Inc. and hauling various containers of hazardous wastes was involved in an accident on I-20 Westbound. Hazards in the trailer included flammables, water-reactive solids, corrosives, poisons, and other miscellaneous wastes.

1.1.2.1 Location

The incident occurred near the entrance ramp at milepost 98 on Interstate 20 Westbound in Newton County, Georgia.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Response crews observed an unidentified pink liquid to be leaking from the trailer and mixing with spilled diesel from the saddle tanks, which then flowed into the ditch along the roadside. County Hazmat crews entered the trailer and observed a pile of drums (steel, poly, and fiber), 1-yard labpacks, and at least one compressed gas cylinder.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

EPA OSCs Huyser and Ball arrived at approximately 1415hrs as crews from contractor Clean Harbors, who had managed the shipment of wastes from various generators, were preparing to enter the trailer. EPA conducted air monitoring of the surrounding area and determined that no adverse breathing air conditions existed outside of the trailer, then concurred with Clean Harbors' decision that Level C PPE would be necessary to enter the trailer where elevated VOCs had been measured.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

Clean Harbors responded to the incident both for emergency response cleanup and as managers of the hazardous waste for the generators. Interstate 20 Westbound was shut down for several miles while traffic was re-routed during the initial response and rescue. Debris was then moved aside and one lane was allowed to open while Clean Harbors initiated the transfer of materials from the damaged truck to a new truck. Newton County Fire Department remained on-scene with a charged line of foam suppressant fixated

on the damaged truck to respond in the event of a fire or unmitigated release.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

Spilled materials on the pavement were covered with an absorbent compound; the leaking pink liquid was found to be inert paint. EPA remained on-scene to oversee response actions of transferring the containers to a new trailer and overpacking containers that were leaking. Clean Harbors will return on the morning of 12/29/2010 to remove all of the absorbent compound and excavate the roadside drainage ditch where diesel and paint had spilled.

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

EPA issued a notice of federal interest letter to Clean Harbors. However, the notice of receipt was not signed because Clean Harbors believes that potential liability for any EPA action might lie with the transporter at the time of the accident, Robbie D. Wood Inc., since the last signature on the manifests were from the Robbie D. Wood transporter. No individual from Robbie D. Wood Inc. was available on-scene.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

N/A

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Clean Harbors will return on the morning of 12/29/2010 to remove all of the absorbent compound and excavate the roadside drainage ditch where diesel and paint had spilled.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

N/A

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

N/A

2.2.2 Issues

N/A

2.3 Logistics Section

N/A

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

N/A

2.6 Liaison Officer

N/A

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

Georgia Department of Public Safety

Georgia DOT

Georgia State Highway Patrol

Newton County Fire Department

Conyers County Fire Department

Georgia Environmental Protection Division (via phone)

4. Personnel On Site

EPA (2)

Clean Harbors (6)

Georgia Department of Public Safety (1)

Georgia DOT (2)

Georgia State Highway Patrol (2)

Newton County Fire Department (unknown quantity)

Conyers County Fire Department (unknown quantity)

Other Responders (unknown quantity)

5. Definition of Terms

N/A

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

Copies of the damaged trucks entire manifest can be provided upon request, but will not be posted to the site webpage on epaosc.net

6.2 Reporting Schedule

N/A

7. Situational Reference Materials

N/A