

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Jan 24-30

Tank Car Corporation of America
int. of Walnut Avenue and Oreland Mills Rd, Oreland, PA
Latitude: 40.1200000
Longitude: -75.1919000

POLREP No.:	33	Site #:	A3GX
Reporting Period:	Jan 24 to 30	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	1/29/2007	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	4/30/2007	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #:	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

See previous POLREPS for Site description information.

A summary of the removal site evaluation (characterization) conducted is contained in the document "Summary of Removal Site Evaluation Analytical Data", dated February 2, 2010, posted to the web at www.epaosc.org/tcca. In general, the Site contains inorganic and organic contamination of soil (primarily sandblasting grit) and shallow underground water (contaminated by former lagoon contents and tank releases). Additionally, the Site's ground water and surface water exiting the TCCA property contains detectable concentrations of Site-related contamination. Finally, samples collected from residential properties adjacent to the Site and from dirt alongside the roadways leading from the Site contain detectable concentrations of inorganic and/or organic contaminants attributable to the Site.

The TCCA Site contains a large amount of sandblasting grit contaminated by inorganic contamination (e.g., lead) and organic contamination (e.g., polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)). The Site formerly contained lagoons; the residuals in these lagoons contain high concentrations of organic contaminants such as benzene, naphthalene, and PAHs and these contaminants have entered into the subsurface soils and shallow underground water.

The Site property continues to be used by numerous businesses for storage of equipment and materials.

Based upon the analytical results of the samples collected during the removal site evaluation and an evaluation of the potential threats posed by the hazardous substance contamination at the Site, EPA Region III approved additional funding to conduct additional response actions at the Site. The total funding now available for response actions is \$2,650,469. The response action will generally include actions intended to consolidate onto the TCCA property those hazardous substances posing a threat which have migrated from the property and to minimize further release of hazardous substances from the Site through a combination of disposal and covering actions.

After obtaining formal access to the railroad property adjacent to the TCCA property, EPA re-initiated the response action at the Site. Initial actions focused on characterizing the contaminants upon the railroad right of way, evaluating drainage from the TCCA property, evaluating details of the pending response action (such as erosion controls), and coordinating with the Site owner, users of the property, and State and Local government entities. The OSC informed adjacent residents of the general nature of the pending response action and then re-initiated response activities on October 19, 2010.

Current Activities

ERRS continued to excavate buried waste layer at the eastern edge of the large lagoon area. The material

was stockpiled adjacent to the truck access road in anticipation of offsite disposal expected to begin next week.

START continued daily air monitoring around the excavation area and site perimeter to monitor for volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Readings continued to indicate no exposures over health concern levels.

ERRS crew members worked on constructing a temporary wooden structure around the Baker tanks which will allow a heater to be placed inside and prevent freezing of any water that is collected from the excavations.

Over one foot of snow fell on 1/26/11 and 1/27/11. Crew members cleared snow and ice off of strategic areas of the Site to prevent icy conditions. Snow cover was left in place over most of the Site and on top of the sand stock piles to help reduce offsite migration of dusts.

Additional sampling took place at the small lagoon area. The small lagoon was divided into five sections, test pits were dug in each section, and representative samples were collected in the waste layer.

Consent was given from the EPA Contracting Officer to award the waste disposal contract. The various waste streams were awarded to different disposal vendors based on the properties of the waste. The large lagoon waste is scheduled to be removed first and is now waiting on final approval from the landfill facilities before excavating and shipping the waste can begin.

In anticipation of starting disposal next week, an additional excavator and field tech were mobilized to site. Also, \$800,000 in funding was allocated to ERRS.

Planned Removal Actions

Pending final approval from state officials, off-site transportation and disposal will begin next week.

The remaining sand above the lagoons will be removed and the lagoon material will be trucked offsite. An estimated 20-40 truckloads per day will be hauled offsite.

Additional trucks will be hauling in clay material to install the final "cap" over the site.

Disposition of Wastes

Waste Stream	Quantity	Manifest #	Disposal Facility
Hazardous Waste Liquids (USTs)	13,330 gallons	various	Republic Environmental Hatfield, PA
Hazardous Waste Liquids (AST-2)	14,011 gallons	various	Republic Environmental Hatfield, PA
Non Hazardous Liquids (AST-1)	14,590 gallons	various	Republic Environmental Hatfield, PA
Non Hazardous Solids (AST-4)	31840 pounds	552437	Republic Environmental Hatfield, PA
Non Hazardous Liquids (Ammonia)(AST-5)	7518 gallons	various	Vickery Environmental, Vickery, OH
Hazardous Waste Solids (USTs)	387 tons (est)	various	CasieEcology, Vineland, NJ
Hazardous Waste Liquids (UST-4)	8356 gallons	various	Giant Resource Recovery, Sumter, SC
Hazardous Waste Solids (UST-4)	25,632 pounds	004352265	Green America Recycling, Hannibal, MO
Hazardous Waste Debris (UST-4)	1500 pounds	004352265	Waste Management, Emelle, AL
Flammable Liquids(drums)	165 gallons	004352265	Ross Incineration, Grafton, OH
Flammable solids	300 pounds (est)	004352265	BuzziUnicem, Cape Girardeau, MO
Phosphoric Acid	55 gallons	004352265	WastePath, Calvert City, KY
Non Hazardous Liquids (drums)	140 gallons	004352265	WastePath, Calvert City, KY

Non Hazardous Soil (around UST-4)	209.42 tons	various	Commonwealth Environmental, Hegins, PA
Waste Fuel	760 gallons	77436	Enviromental Recovery Corp., Lancaster, PA
Non Hazardous solids (UST residue from scrapping ops)	300 pounds	001	Modern Landfill,York,PA
Non Hazardous Construction Debris	approx 512 tons	various	Minerva Enterprises

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