

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Welch Group Environmental (WGE) Palmetto Hwy - Removal Polrep
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IV

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial Emergency Response PRP Lead w EPA Oversight
Welch Group Environmental (WGE) Palmetto Hwy
B4F6
Belton, SC
Latitude: 34.5228881 Longitude: -82.4942948

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Reporting Period: 2/07/2011 thru 2/14/2011

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	B4F6	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	PRP Oversight
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:		Start Date:	2/7/2011
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

PRP Lead Emergency Response with EPA Oversight

1.1.2 Site Description

This site is part of the Welch Group Environmental (WGE) CERCLA response. SCDHEC referred WGE operations to ERRB in late December after informing the operator to cease operations.

WGE is a metals recovery company that recovers lead slugs and shell casings from gun ranges. The WGE Palmetto Hwy site was part of WGE's operations and served as storage. This is a multi-use warehouse that serves other clients.

As part of a continuing removal site evaluation (RSE), the OSC was notified by SCDHEC on February 4th that additional operations had occurred at Palmetto Hwy. After securing access from the warehouse owner and WGE's operator, the OSC conducted a walkthru on February 7th.

WGE no longer stores property at this location. XRF readings for lead ranged from the low hundreds to 35000 ppm on the floors and walls of the area where WGE stored property.

The OSC had determined that a release or substantial threat of release of a hazardous substance has occurred and presents an imminent and substantial danger of public health.

The OSC has directed the operator to remediate the contaminated section of the warehouse. Workplans will be submitted and become part of the Fairplay and Belton responses. The OSC will continue to consult and coordinate with SCDHEC and EPA R4 RCRA.

The RSE for the WGE properties is expected to be complete by the end of February. Further recommendations will be made at that time.

1.1.2.1 Location

Belton, SC

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

A release or substantial threat of release of a hazardous substance to the environment has occurred (lead). The release exists at high concentrations at or near the surface that present an imminent and substantial threat to public or welfare.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

This site was discovered during a SCDHEC requested RSE at two other WGE facilities, Fairplay and Belton.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

The PRPs have been directed by the OSC to submit workplans for securing the facility, remediating the surfaces and providing a Health and Safety Plan.

The HASP has been submitted <http://www.epaosc.org/sites/6682/files/WGE%20H&S%20PALMETTO%20Site%20Rev.pdf> and approved as of February 14th. <http://www.epaosc.org/sites/6682/files/WP%20and%20HnS%20Approval%20Memo.pdf> In addition, the Removal Action Workplan (RAWP) was also submitted <http://www.epaosc.org/sites/6682/files/WelchGroup%20PalmettoHwy%20SOW%2002132011.pdf> and approved on February 14th.

The PRP and property owner have notified other users of the warehouse to stay out of the contaminated section of the warehouse and to use the alternate docking bay for operations until those areas have been remediated.

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

Access <http://www.epaosc.org/sites/6682/files/EPA%20form%20for%20Cummings%20Gary0001.pdf> has been secured and NOFI <http://www.epaosc.org/sites/6682/files/NOFI%20Final%20signed%20EPA%20form%20for%20Cummings%20Gary0001.pdf> CERCLA Cost Recovery and Legal support have been initiated. The EPA attorney will conduct an introductory conference call with the counsel for the PRPs on February 25th at 1000.

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

The PRP will conduct further securing of the site commencing on February 15th. Actual warehouse decontamination will likely commence the week of February 21st.

2.2.2 Issues

The OSC continues to coordinate and consult with SCDHEC as well as the EPA R4 RCRA Program. RCRA is being consulted with to assure that WGE's offsite collection operations are compliant with necessary federal requirements.

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

1 EPA
2 START

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.