

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Former Western Publishing Site - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region II

**Subject:** **POLREP #3**  
**Progress POLREP**  
**Former Western Publishing Site**  
**A260**  
**Poughkeepsie, NY**  
**Latitude: 41.7239090 Longitude: -73.9293090**

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**Date:** 4/14/2011

**Reporting Period:** 4/9/2011 to 4/14/2011

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	A260	<b>Contract Number:</b>	EP-S2-10-03
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	2/28/2011
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Response Lead:</b>	EPA	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	Site-wide
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	3/14/2011	<b>Start Date:</b>	3/14/2011
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	NYC200400588	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

Inactive Production Facility

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

See POLREP No. 1, dated April 1, 2011.

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

See POLREP No. 1, dated April 1, 2011.

#### 1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

See POLREP No. 1, dated April 1, 2011.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

EPA, along with EPA's Emergency and Rapid Response Service (ERRS) and Removal Support Team (RST2) contractors, mobilized to the Site on April 4, 2011 to begin the removal of all drums and wood block flooring from the Site building. PACM and light ballasts which may contain PCBs are being evaluated and removed as

necessary.

**2.1.2 Response Actions to Date**

See Polrep No. 2, dated April 8, 2011, for information pertaining to response actions taken prior to April 9, 2011.

From April 11-12, 2011, EPA and ERRS contractors finished removing and moving debris from two of the three rooms with wood block flooring within the Site building, to allow access to the flooring. Household hazardous waste was separated from the debris for proper disposal. The flooring blocks from the largest room were removed and stockpiled on April 12, 2011.

From April 12-14, 2011, ERRS contractors bulked all on-site drums into groups for disposal; partially full drums of similar, compatible materials were combined to reduce the number of drums of waste being shipped off-site. All of the on-site drums were consolidated into seven groups, or waste streams, for disposal. Emptied drums were set aside for proper disposal.

All Site activities were executed in appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with the Site-specific Health and Safety Plan. Air monitoring for particulates was conducted within each work area and along the Site perimeter in accordance with the Community Air Monitoring Plan. Air within the drums and work areas was screened for volatile organic compounds and cyanide during drum sampling and bulking activities.

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

No potentially responsible parties have been identified at this time.

**2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

The unsecured doors of the Site building have been locked.

<b>Waste Stream</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Manifest #</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Disposal</b>
Debris (non-hazardous, non-recyclable)	Solid wastes - wood, cardboard, furniture, clothing, household garbage	Approximately 20 tons / 90 cubic yards	N/A	None Required	Off-site landfill

**2.2 Planning Section**

**2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

**2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

See POLREP No. 1, dated April 1, 2011.

**2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

Once results from the bulking group sample analysis are received, arrangements for disposal will be made.

Pallets of concrete block present in one of the rooms with wood block flooring will be moved to allow access to the flooring and associated floor coating. All of the wood block flooring will be stockpiled within the Site building and then packaged according to disposal requirements.

Limited, damaged areas of ACM utilized as pipe wrapping will be encapsulated with spray encapsulant; the entire length of pipe wrapping will not be encapsulated, due to its good condition. All of the light ballasts within the Site building will be evaluated for the presence of PCBs, and disposal arrangements will be made as necessary.

**2.2.2 Issues**

EPA and Town of Poughkeepsie officials will continue to monitor the Site to ensure that it remains secure during removal activities.

**2.3 Logistics Section**

A logistics section was not activated for this response. No logistical challenges or issues were encountered during this reporting period.

**2.4 Finance Section**

**Estimated Costs \***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$250,000.00	\$40,500.00	\$209,500.00	83.80%

TAT/START	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	80.00%
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
USEPA - Direct	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	80.00%
USEPA - InDirect	\$181,000.00	\$0.00	\$181,000.00	100.00%
<b>Total Site Costs</b>				
	\$531,000.00	\$60,500.00	\$470,500.00	88.61%

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

## 2.5 Other Command Staff

### 2.5.1 Safety Officer

On April 4-5, 2011, the Site Health and Safety Plans (for work conducted by EPA and both ERRS and RST2 contractors) were finalized and signed by all site personnel. No safety challenges or issues were encountered during this reporting period.

### 2.6 Liaison Officer

A Liaison Officer was not activated for this response.

### 2.7 Information Officer

#### 2.7.1 Public Information Officer

A Public Information Officer was not activated for this response.

#### 2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

The Community Involvement Coordinator for this Site is Cecilia Echols of EPA Region II. Ms. Echols can be reached by phone at (212) 637-3678 or by email at [echols.cecilia@epa.gov](mailto:echols.cecilia@epa.gov).

## 3. Participating Entities

### 3.1 Unified Command

Unified Command is not relevant to this response.

### 3.2 Cooperating Agencies

The Town of Poughkeepsie is providing support to the EPA as needed.

## 4. Personnel On Site

- EPA OSC (1)
- ERRS Contractors (4)
- RST2 Contractor (1)

## 5. Definition of Terms

ACM: asbestos-containing material  
 CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act  
 EPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency  
 ERRS: Emergency and Rapid Response Services (contractors)  
 HazCat: hazardous materials categorization  
 NYSDEC: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
 PACM: potential asbestos-containing material  
 PCBs: polychlorinated biphenyls  
 RST2: Removal Support Team (contractors)  
 VOCs: volatile organic compounds

## 6. Additional sources of information

### 6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

[www.epaosc.org/FormerWesternPublishing](http://www.epaosc.org/FormerWesternPublishing)

### 6.2 Reporting Schedule

EPA will publish weekly POLREPs for the duration of the removal action at this Site.

## 7. Situational Reference Materials

None.

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