

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Hillisburg Oil Spill - Removal Polrep  
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** **POLREP #1**  
**Initial PolRep**  
**Hillisburg Oil Spill**  
**Hillisburg, IN**  
**Latitude: 40.2853980 Longitude: -86.3377370**

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**Date:** 4/17/2011  
**Reporting Period:** April 16-17, 2011

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 Background**

<b>Site Number:</b>		<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	
<b>Response Authority:</b>	OPA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Response Lead:</b>	EPA	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	4/16/2011	<b>Start Date:</b>	4/16/2011
<b>Demob Date:</b>	4/17/2011	<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>		<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>	E11517	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

**1.1.1 Incident Category**  
Oil Spill

**1.1.2 Site Description**

**1.1.2.1 Location**

The site is an abandoned residential property at 8989 East Oak Street in Hillisburg, Clinton County, Indiana. Site coordinates are latitude 40.2853980 and longitude -86.3377370.

**1.1.2.2 Description of Threat**

On April 16, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) responded to an oil spill in Hillisburg, Indiana at the request of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). IDEM and EPA observed oil sheen discharging from a ditch bank below an abandoned house at 8989 E. Oak Street. Oil in the ditch was flowing north toward the South Fork of Wildcat Creek. IDEM and the Johnson Township local volunteer fire department deployed sorbent boom and pads to recover sheen.

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

Neighbors reported that an individual entered the house on Friday, April 15th and removed a heating oil tank

from the basement. After obtaining access from a Clinton County commissioner, EPA documented that oil covered the basement floor and was flowing through a drain into the ditch.

**2. Current Activities**

**2.1 Operations Section**

**2.1.1 Narrative**

An oil spill occurred from an abandoned residential property in Hillisburg, Indiana after an individual removed a heating oil tank from the basement of the house and dumped oil remaining in the tank onto the basement floor. Oil flowed from a drain in the basement floor to a ditch neighboring the house to the east. Oil in the ditch flowed north toward the South Fork of Wildcat Creek.

**2.1.2 Response Actions to Date**

EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Shelly Lam requested assistance from the Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) and Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractors for oil cleanup and sampling. EPA and its contractors conducted the following activities during the reporting period:

- Collected two (2) samples for forensic oil analysis at the U.S. Coast Guard's Marine Safety Lab (MSL);
- Cleaned oil and oiled debris out of basement of house;
- Decontaminated basement;
- Recovered and replaced used boom and sorbent pads;
- Staged waste in drums and bags at residence pending disposal; and
- Sampled for disposal profile.

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

OSC Lam obtained information on the identity of the individual who dumped oil inside the residence, and will provide the information to EPA's Criminal Investigation Division (CID).

**2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

<i><b>Waste Stream</b></i>	<i><b>Medium</b></i>	<i><b>Quantity</b></i>	<i><b>Manifest #</b></i>	<i><b>Treatment</b></i>	<i><b>Disposal</b></i>
Oil	Liquid	2 drums	Pending	NA	Pending
Used booms and pads	Solid	4 drums	Pending	NA	Pending
Oiled debris	Solid	30 bags	Pending	NA	Pending

**2.2 Planning Section**

**2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

**2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

EPA will properly dispose of waste off-site. No additional activities are anticipated.

**2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

OSC Lam will refer additional investigation of the matter to CID.

**2.2.2 Issues**

EPA was informed that the house where the spill occurred had been abandoned and the owners were deceased. EPA obtained access to the property from a Clinton County Commissioner.

**2.3 Logistics Section**

Not applicable (NA)

**2.4 Finance Section**

**2.4.1 Narrative**

OSC Lam requested \$25,000 from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to cover the cost of the response and cleanup.

**Estimated Costs \***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%

TAT/START	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
USEPA - Direct	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100.00%
<b>Total Site Costs</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* 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

OSC Lam was the overall Safety Officer for the response. In addition, each contractor had a health and safety representative on-site.

### 2.6 Liaison Officer

NA

### 2.7 Information Officer

#### 2.7.1 Public Information Officer

NA

#### 2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

NA

## 3. Participating Entities

### 3.1 Unified Command

NA

### 3.2 Cooperating Agencies

IDEM

Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Clinton County

## 4. Personnel On Site

1 EPA OSC

1 IDEM OSC (April 16)

2 START (April 16)

4 ERRS

## 5. Definition of Terms

CID	Criminal Investigation Division
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERRS	Emergency and Rapid Response Services
IDEM	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
MSL	Marine Safety Lab
NA	Not Applicable
PolRep	Pollution Report
START	Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team

## 6. Additional sources of information

### 6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

For additional information, refer to [www.epaosc.org/hillisburgoilspill](http://www.epaosc.org/hillisburgoilspill).

### 6.2 Reporting Schedule

A final Pollution Report (PolRep) will be submitted upon completion of waste disposal.

## 7. Situational Reference Materials

NA