

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Liberty Fibers - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IV

Subject: POLREP #11
Additional Removal Funding Approved
Liberty Fibers
B457
Morristown, TN
Latitude: 36.1493481 Longitude: -83.2048083

To:
From: Perry Gaughan, On Scene Coordinator
Date: 7/6/2011
Reporting Period: June 1 through July 6, 2011

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

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| Site Number: | B457 | Contract Number: | |
| D.O. Number: | | Action Memo Date: | |
| Response Authority: | CERCLA | Response Type: | Emergency |
| Response Lead: | EPA | Incident Category: | Removal Action |
| NPL Status: | Non NPL | Operable Unit: | |
| Mobilization Date: | 4/21/2010 | Start Date: | 4/21/2010 |
| Demob Date: | | Completion Date: | |
| CERCLIS ID: | 937191 | RCRIS ID: | |
| ERNS No.: | | State Notification: | 4/15/2010 |
| FPN#: | | Reimbursable Account #: | |

1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response to contain and mitigate asbestos contamination.

1.1.2 Site Description

The Liberty Fibers Site is a former 350 acre rayon production facility previously operated by BASF until the mid 1990's. Since the mid 1990's, this facility operated as Lenzig Fibers and as Liberty Fibers until declaring bankruptcy. The facility was then purchased by Lowland Industries which operated a metal recycling business on site. During this period, several production buildings were demolished resulting in numerous debris piles containing friable asbestos.

1.1.2.1 Location

The site is located at 4901 Enka Road approximately one mile south of Interstate 81 in Morristown, Tenn (exit 12).

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

During apparent recycling activities on April 19th, a debris pile along the southern perimeter caught fire resulting in the Morristown Fire Dept responding. In order to minimize such future events, and to minimize the chance of asbestos exposure, the OSC elected to serve the owner with a Notice of Federal Interest in order to initiate site containment and mitigation measures. The site contains numerous construction debris piles with large quantities of friable asbestos.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

Concurrent to the April 19th fire and recent activities on site, the OSC requested that Reg 4 Technical Services Branch evaluate asbestos sampling conducted in Jan 2010 to determine if a threat to human health and the environment existed on site. A draft memo from Technical Services completed on April 21st indicates that such a threat does exist.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

During the week of June 27th, the OSC received concurrence and approval from EPA Headquarters to continue removal operations at the site. Approval was necessary under current EPA Removal Regulations regarding asbestos removals of national significance.

A task order and scope of work to continue site operations was recently issued to the ERRs contractor. On site meetings are scheduled for the week of July 11th with the ERRs project manager and TDEC officials to review all on site disposal options.

Site security continues on a 24/7 basis.

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

The OSC continues to research all potentially responsible parties (PRP's) and coordinate enforcement issues with EPA's site attorney Kevin Beswick and EPA Enforcements Karen Coleman.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

| <i>Waste Stream</i> | <i>Medium</i> | <i>Quantity</i> | <i>Manifest #</i> | <i>Treatment</i> | <i>Disposal</i> |
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2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

2.2.2 Issues

The OSC continues to work with TDEC and local officials in identifying the optimal location for an asbestos landfill on the site.

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

2.5.1 Safety Officer

2.6 Liaison Officer

2.7 Information Officer

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

The OSC notified Morristown Tenn city officials and TDEC of EPA's planned activities.

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

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.