

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Barrio Vietnam Drum Storage Site - Removal Polrep
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region II

Subject: POLREP #1
Initiation of Removal activities.
Barrio Vietnam Drum Storage Site
A290
Guaynabo, PR
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Date: 9/29/2011

Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A290	Contract Number:	EP-S2-10-03
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:	9/30/2011	Start Date:	10/4/2011
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Abandoned drums and other types of chemical containers.

1.1.2 Site Description

The Responsible Party (RP) is an individual, now deceased, who operated an off-spec chemical distribution company, shipping these chemicals to such places as the Dominican Republic.

1.1.2.1 Location

The site is on a large parcel of land in a mixed residential/commercial area of Guaynabo Municipality, about 7 miles south of the City of San Juan.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The site contains hundreds of 55 gallon drums, chemical totes, bags, and other size containers of chemicals, many of which are not labeled, stored in a dilapidated, partially collapsed warehouse on the grounds of a private residence. Many of the containers are leaking or have leaked their contents onto the ground. The chemicals are haphazardly stored, and in some instances piled on top of each other. There is no site security and there is no one to monitor site conditions.

Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

The site was discovered through a 'tip' to the FBI. Agents responded and discovered the dangerous conditions at the site. The FBI notified the Coast Guard because the site is in Coast Guard jurisdiction. The Coast Guard then referred the site to EPA via a formal Statement of Agreement between Sector San Juan and Region 2 ERRD.

EPA OSCs with the Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD) performed an assessment of the

site on 9/27/2011 and determined that conditions were so dangerous that an emergency removal action was necessary. Verbal authorization for \$250,000 in CERCLA funds was obtained from ERRD upper management, an ERRS contractor was selected and tasked to perform the removal action. As of 9/28/2011 plans are underway to mobilize the ERRS contractor and an OSC to the site on 10/4/2011 to initiate stabilization of the chemicals and post security guards.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

A removal contractor has been selected and funded with a Superfund account. Plans are in effect to mobilize the contractor by 9/30/2011(site security) and the OSC to the site on 10/4/2011 to initiate an emergency removal action.

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

The OSC has notified the Region 2 CID office and informed that office of the situation.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

ERRS will mobilize the rest of the personnel to the site on 10/4/2011 to begin stabilizing the drums and other containers. ERRS will initiate night time security guard services and begin setting up the site command post and support services on 09/30/2011

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

See above.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

See above.

2.2.2 Issues

Current issues are the threat of the unknown chemicals, safely segregating and staging the unknowns, and safeguarding the chemicals until they can be sampled and identified.

2.3 Logistics Section

TBD

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

TBD

2.6 Liaison Officer

n/a

2.7 Information Officer

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

TBD

2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

TBD

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

n/a

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

TBD

4. Personnel On Site

EPA On-Scene Coordinator

Commercial haz-mat clean-up contractor

5. Definition of Terms

n/a

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

n/a

6.2 Reporting Schedule

TBD

7. Situational Reference Materials

Refer to Documents Section of the web site.