

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
West Songbird Road Asbestos Site - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region III

Subject: POLREP #2
West Songbird Road Asbestos Site
A3QV
Bradford, PA
Latitude: 41.9054670 Longitude: -78.6885830

To:
From: Eugene Dennis, On-Scene Coordinator
Date: 10/3/2011
Reporting Period: September, 2011 to October 31, 2011

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A3QV	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Non-Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:		Start Date:	9/27/2010
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	10/20/2010
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

1.1.2 Site Description

1.1.2.1 Site Location

The West Songbird Road Site presently consists of approximately 8.5 acres of land located within a tract, identified as Parcel No. 17-008-100-00 in the McKean County Property Records, located near West Songbird Road in Bradford Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania. The Site is located at the geographical coordinates, 41.905470 degrees latitude and - 78.688344 degrees longitude.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The EPA OSC initiated an initial site inspection and removal assessment on September 27, 2010 in response to a request by the Bradford Police Department. The assessment identified suspected asbestos-containing material (ACM) both inside and outside of two abandoned, deteriorated on-site buildings. The buildings contained various types of debris including old boxes of block insulation and deteriorated pipe insulation. In addition, a leaking 35-gallon drum of an unknown green liquid was observed in one of the buildings. A pile of weatered, deteriorated pipe insulation was observed near an open dumpster located outside the buildings. The dumpster contained broken pieces of block insulation similar to what was observed inside the buildings.

At the time of the initial assessment, the suspected ACM was observed to be in a deteriorating condition. The leaking drum was found to be exposed to the weather and given its condition is likely to continue to leak its contents until stabilized or contained.

Access to the exterior and interior of the buildings is not restricted. Children and/or teens can easily access the property. EPA observed evidence of trespassers, paintball, bonfires, and all-terrain vehicle activities at the Site.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

On October 21, 2010, EPA and its contractor, TechLaw, Inc.'s (TechLaw) Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) conducted sampling to further assess the West Songbird Road Site. A total of seven samples were collected from suspected ACM material (block insulation, pipe insulation and drywall material) from inside and outside of the buildings. The samples were analyzed for asbestos fibers. The analytical results indicated that six out of the seven samples contained asbestos fibers greater than 2%.

Of the nine asbestos species analyzed for, the six samples contained two species. Chrysotile fibers were found in the range of 8-10% and amosite fibers were found in the range of 2-5%. Asbestos is a hazardous substance within the meaning of CERCLA, as it is listed in Section 302.4 of the NCP.

The analytical results from the sample collected from the leaking drum confirmed the presence of di-n-butylphthalate (CAS#84-74-2) as a concentration of 790 ug/kg. Di-n-butylphthalate is a hazardous substance within the meaning of CERCLA, as it is listed in Section 302.4 of the NCP.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

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

Two PRPs have been identified with respect to their current ownership of the property. In separate letters, each dated May 9, 2011, EPA contacted the PRPs regarding their potential liability under Section 107(a) of the CERCLA, as amended. The letters, which included draft settlement agreements, invited the PRPs to perform certain response activities to address asbestos and other hazardous substances found at the Site.

The PRPs have agreed to conduct the work necessary to clean up the ACM at the site. An Administrative Settlement and Order on Consent (AOC) for removal response action between EPA and the PRPs became effective on September 27, 2011.

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

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Work to be conducted at the site, as required by the AOC, will include posting signs, providing security and removing and disposing of ACM and other hazardous waste. Monitoring and sampling will be conducted as necessary.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Within 10 days of the effective date of the AOC, the PRPs will be submitting a Response Action Plan (RAP) detailing the response activities to be implemented at the site. Site work is anticipated to begin in November 2011, following EPA's approval of the RAP.

2.2.2 Issues

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

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.

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