

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Hormel Animal Fat Spill - Removal Polrep  
Initial and Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region IV

**Subject:** POLREP #1  
Initial/Final  
Hormel Animal Fat Spill  
  
Tucker, GA  
Latitude: 33.8397360 Longitude: -84.2488560

**To:**  
**From:** Stephen Ball, OSC  
**Date:** 10/10/2011  
**Reporting Period:** 10/10/2011

## 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> PRP	<b>Incident Category:</b> Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b> Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>
<b>Mobilization Date:</b> 10/10/2011	<b>Start Date:</b> 10/10/2011
<b>Demob Date:</b> 10/10/2011	<b>Completion Date:</b> 10/10/2011
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>
<b>ERNS No.:</b> 992803	<b>State Notification:</b>
<b>FPN#:</b> E12401	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

The spill occurred onto an asphalt driveway and flowed beyond a site fence and down an earthen hill towards a ditch that empties into Burnt Fork Creek.

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

The site is located in the rear of the Hormel Foods Atlanta plant. The address is 3367 Montreal Industrial Way, Tucker, GA 30084.

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Approximately 1000 gallons of waste animal fats mixed with waste water were released to the environment due to a high level alarm failure and subsequent over filling of a 24,000 gallon tank. The flow path was laterally across asphalt, and down a earthen hill towards a ditch. The ditch empties into Burnt Fork Creek, which ultimately flows into the Chatahoochee River.

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

Approximately 1000 gallons of waste animal fats (grease) and waste water spilled from a 24000 tank and flowed towards a ditch. No secondary containment was present. Weather conditions were poor with intermittent rain causing constant water flow in the ditch and facilitating the flow of the animal fats towards the ditch. Facility personnel responded by booming flow points and stopping the flow prior to it reaching the ditch. Dekalb County Fire were the first responders on scene.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

OSC Ball arrived on scene and met with Chief Anderson of Dekalb Fire as well as Doug Shockley, the Hormel Plant Engineer concerning the current situation. Flow had been stopped by the application of booms and the overflow of the tank had ceased due to discontinuing filling the tank. Environmental Contractor HEPACO was hired and enroute to conduct clean-up operations.

After confirming that the scene was stabilized and HEPACO arrived on scene, Dekalb Fire demobed and the OSC began conducting an SPCC inspection. Following the inspection, HEPACO had removed all bulk product from the ground using a vac truck and were in the polishing stage of the response. The OSC determined the response was adequate and demobed.

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

- Ensured response
- Conducted SPCC inspection

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

**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**

-Follow up with OSC Walden regarding SPCC inspection results.

**2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

-No further response activities planned

**2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

-Response Complete

**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**

Hornell Plant Personnel  
DeKalb Fire Department  
EPA OSC  
HEPACO Response Crew

**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.