

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
NE PA TS Lee Flood Oil/Hazmat Recovery - Removal Polrep  
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region III

**Subject:** POLREP #2  
NE PA TS Lee Flood Oil/Hazmat Recovery  
Wilkes Barre, PA  
Latitude: 41.2463681 Longitude: -75.8822722

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**Reporting Period:** 10/26/2011 to 11/02/2011

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>	Stafford Act	<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>	10/11/2011	<b>Start Date:</b>	10/11/2011
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>		<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Stafford Act Response - FEMA has issued a Mission Assignment upon request from PADEP, through PEMA for EPA to collect and dispose of orphaned container debris from Tropical Storm Lee.

1.1.2 Site Description

Flooded areas along the Susquehanna River

1.1.2.1 Location

This site has various locations along the Susquehanna River in Luzerne, Schuylkill, and Wyoming Counties

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Threat of release of oil and chemicals in containers to the River and the environment. Threat of explosion from unstable propane cylinders. Threat of exposure from the public to oil and chemicals.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

Response Actions to Date (by county and by day)

Schuylkill County:

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- ERRS performs collection of staged containers and waste at Water Treatment Plant, Pine Grove. Staged containers were packed and relocated to Plains Township (Luzerne County) staging location for identification and final staging for disposal.

Luzerne County:

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- Three 55-gallon drums of household-hazardous-waste collected from Nescapeck Borough. Two drums oil-based paint, third drum water/latex-based paint. Six gallons of gasoline collected.
- Collection from additional farm included 8 gallons of gasoline (various sized containers), two home-heating oil tanks, two 55-gallon drums.

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- EPA meets with PADEP to coordinate cleanup efforts and additional cleanup locations.
- River recon arranged and scheduled for 10/28.

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- EPA performs river recon with PADEP. Drums, propane tank and home-heating-oil tank coordinate locations recorded. Recon performed on four islands on the Susquehanna River: Culver Island, Monocanock Island, Wintermoot Island and Scovell Island.
- ERRS continues collection and recovery of orphaned containers on farm property, adjacent to river.

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- ERRS continues collection and recovery on farm property adjacent to river.
- PADEP, EPA and START observe collection points in West Nanticoke and Shick Shiny, address sites for collection needs.
- Bulking and inventorying of staging areas continued.
- PADEP onsite, discusses action plan and access for continued response. PADEP contacts representatives for Wilkes Barre, Kingston and Forty Fort for access to boat ramp, levee on riverside for recovery and staging for the Command Post and containment of recover/collected containers.

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- Recovery and collection continued on flood effected farmland/coal mine property.
- Bulking and inventorying continued at Staging Area adjacent to Command Post.
- Coordinating perform for next staging site, equipment, and access. 11/02/2011

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- Disposal arranged for Frac-tanks, coordinated with city water treatment.
- River operations Command Post site in coordinated at Kingston boat launch. Security arranged for Command Post and Staging Area.
- EPA performs recon with Wyoming County Committee Levee System representative. Gained access to staging location and location of additional orphaned containers/tanks/drums identified.

## 2.2 Planning Section

**Operations are and have been directed by EPA. Selection of Site locations are coordinated by PADEP. Field operations are a 9.5 hour days on a 6 day work week, weather permitting.**

### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

- PADEP continues to coordinate recovery and collection needs and obtain access for EPA and its contractors.
- EPA will view addition locations in Wyoming County 11/03 with PADEP.

#### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

- Recovery and collection scheduled to begin in Kingston and Forty Fort.
- Relocate Command Post and equipment.
- ERRS performing equipment arrangements to perform river operations recovery

#### 2.2.1.2 Next Steps

- Relocate Command Post and equipment.
- ERRS performing equipment arrangements to perform river operations recovery

## 2.3 Logistics Section

- All logistics are being handled by EPA, PADEP and START.
- Requests for resources are made to EPA and PADEP.
- Logistical issues are coordinated and provided by EPA Region 3, START, and ERRS contractors.

## 2.4 Finance Section

EPA continues to track costs and monitor funding levels: Estimated Expenditures and Daily Cost Burn as of 11/02/2011.

### Estimated Costs \*

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$130,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$70,000.00	53.85%
TAT/START	\$30,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$16,000.00	53.33%
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				

USEPA - Direct	\$40,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$32,500.00	81.25%
<b>Total Site Costs</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>	<b>\$81,500.00</b>	<b>\$118,500.00</b>	<b>59.25%</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

No information available at this time.

#### 3. Participating Entities

##### Unified Command

Unified Command is currently not activated at this level.

##### Cooperating Agencies

EPA is currently coordinating with PADEP Northeast Regional Office, County officials, and local government agencies.

#### 4. Personnel On Site

Date	EPA Personnel	START (Weston) Personnel	ERRS (Kemron) Personnel	Total
10/26/11	3	1	5	9
10/27/11	3	1	5	9
10/28/11	3	1	5	9
10/29/11	X	X	X	0
10/30/11	X	X	X	0
10/31/11	2	1	5	8
11/01/11	3	1	5	9
11/02/11	4	1	5	10

#### 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.