

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 #3  
On-going Stafford Act Flood Cleanup/Recovery Site  
NE PA TS Lee Flood Oil/Hazmat Recovery  
03W0XLK  
Wilkes Barre, PA  
Latitude: 41.2463681 Longitude: -75.8822722

**To:**  
**From:** Richard Fetzer, OSC  
**Date:** 11/9/2011  
**Reporting Period:** 11/03/2011 to 11/09/2011

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

Site Number:	03W0XLK	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	Stafford Act	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	10/11/2011	Start Date:	10/11/2011
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

#### 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)

##### Wyoming County:

11/03/2011

Recon performed with PADEP in Wyoming County. Six locations of orphan drums and containers of environmental concern identified.

11/09/2011

EPA and PADEP meet with Wyoming County Access discussed and begin coordination for recon and collection of orphan containers.

**Luzerne County:**

11/03/2011

ERRS completes final collection of farmland property in Plains Township.

ERRS relocates equipment to Kingston to begin collection in Kingston and Forty Fort.

Command Post relocated.

11/04/2011

ERRS begins collection of orphan containers and drums in Forty Fort. New collection over the levee and adjacent to river.

11/05/2011

ERRS continues collection of orphan containers and drums in over levee in Forty Fort, under and downstream of Cross Valley Bridge.

11/07/2011

ERRS continues collection of orphan containers and drums in over levee in Forty Fort working downstream towards Kingston.

11/08/2011

ERRS continues collection of orphan containers and drums in over levee within Kingston.

11/09/2011

ERRS continues collection of orphan containers and drums in over levee in Forty Fort. One final day for completion of levee side at Cross Valley Bridge to Nesbitt Boat Launch.

**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.**

- PADEP continues to coordinate recovery and collection needs and obtain access for EPA and its contractors.
- PADEP will arrange access to locations in Wyoming County.
- The current funding has been spent for the ERRS cleanup contractor. Also, the Mission Assignment and agreement with PA expires on 11/19/11. Therefore, EPA has requested a funding increase of \$70K and time extension to 1/31/12. The funding increase would fund River Operation in Luzerne County and both Land and River Operations in Wyoming County.
- EPA plans to dispose of materials collected at the end of the recovery phase. The recovery phase may not be completed until January 2012 due to materials which may be uncovered by the Luzerne County Levee Commissions' debris pile removal operations. Funding estimates for disposal of all material collected will be performed when the recovery phase is deemed complete.
- Recovery and collection scheduled to be completed in Kingston and Forty Fort in one work day.
- ERRS scheduled perform Pine Grove 5-drum collection on 11/10.
- ERRS scheduled to demob 11/11.

**2.3 Logistics Section**

- All logistics are being handled by EPA, PADEP and START.

**2.4 Finance Section**

No information available at this time.

**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
11/03/11	5	1	5	11
11/04/11	1	1	5	7
11/05/11	1	1	5	7
11/06/11	X	X	X	0
11/07/11	1	2	4	7
11/08/11	1	2	4	7

11/09/11	2	2	5	9
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**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.