

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Scio Transformer Spill - Removal Polrep  
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** POLREP #1  
Scio Transformer Spill

**Scio, MI**  
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**Date:** 1/27/2012

**Reporting Period:** 1/26/2012 - 1/27/2012

## 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> CERCLA	<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> 1/26/2012	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/26/2012
<b>Demob Date:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b>
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>
<b>ERNS No.:</b>	<b>State Notification:</b> Yes
<b>FPN#:</b>	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

On January 26, 2012 OSC Tricia Edwards responded to a transformer oil spill in Scio Township, Michigan near Ann Arbor. Scio Township Hazmat requested EPA assistance. Approximately 150 gallons of transformer oil spilled onto a roadway, a driveway, and into a wetlands area. The oil tested negative for PCBs but additional analysis will be conducted. The responsible party, Stadium/Budget Towing, has hired a cleanup contractor. The contractor vacuumed oil from the ditch, road and driveway surfaces. Sorbent pads and boom have been strategically placed in the ditch to contain oil and sheen. The contractor is excavating contaminated soil and placing it in a roll-off box. Soiled boom will be replaced as needed.

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

The site is located at the southwest corner of Zeeb Road and Marshall Road in Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan 48130

#### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Approximately 150 gallons of potential PCB oil was spilled from a transformer. The oil was spilled onto Marshall Road. The oil flowed down Marshall Road, onto a residential driveway and into a ditch/wetland area.

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

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## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

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#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

The responsible party, Stadium/Budget Towing, has hired a cleanup contractor. The contractor vacuumed oil from the ditch, road and driveway surfaces. Sorbent pads and boom have been strategically placed in the ditch to contain oil and sheen. The contractor is excavating contaminated soil and placing it in a roll-off box. Soiled boom will be replaced as needed.

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

Stadium/Budget Towing

#### 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

Absorbent pads and boom have been strategically placed in the ditch to contain oil and sheen. The contractor is excavating contaminated soil and placing it in a roll-off box. Oiled boom will be replaced as needed.

#### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Oiled boom and pads will be replaced as needed.

#### 2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Continue monitoring the PRP cleanup.

#### 2.2.2 Issues

None.

### 2.3 Logistics Section

N/A

### 2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

### 2.5 Other Command Staff

#### 2.5.1 Safety Officer

Rob Houpt, Terra Contracting

#### 2.5.2 Liaison Officer

N/A

#### 2.5.3 Information Officer

N/A

## 3. Participating Entities

### 3.1 Unified Command

N/A

### **3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

N/A

### **4. Personnel On Site**

U.S. EPA - 1

Terra Contracting - 5

### **5. Definition of Terms**

PRP - Potential Responsible Party

PCBs - Polychlorinated Biphenyls

### **6. Additional sources of information**

#### **6.1 Internet location of additional information/report**

[www.epaossc.org/sciotransformerspill](http://www.epaossc.org/sciotransformerspill)

#### **6.2 Reporting Schedule**

POLREPs will be used as necessary.

### **7. Situational Reference Materials**

Oil Spill Handbook.