

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Galveston Bay Biofuels Tank Fire - Removal Polrep  
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region VI

**Subject:** POLREP #1  
Initial  
Galveston Bay Biofuels Tank Fire  
  
Galveston, TX  
Latitude: 29.3019930 Longitude: -94.8207940

**To:**  
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**Date:** 2/24/2012  
**Reporting Period:** 02/23/2012

**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>	<b>Response Type:</b>
<b>Response Lead:</b>	<b>Incident Category:</b>
<b>NPL Status:</b>	<b>Operable Unit:</b>
<b>Mobilization Date:</b> 2/23/2012	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/23/2012
<b>Demob Date:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b>
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>
<b>ERNS No.:</b>	<b>State Notification:</b>
<b>FPN#:</b>	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>

**1.1.1 Incident Category**

Emergency Response

**1.1.2 Site Description**

Galveston Bay Biodiesel in a refinery of Biodiesel.

**1.1.2.1 Location**

4900 block of Old Port Industrial Road, Galveston, Galveston County, Texas,

**1.1.2.2 Description of Threat**

The fire occurred in a 12,500 barrel biodiesel aboveground storage tank with possible emissions that could threaten communities downwind. In addition there was a potential for a release due the fire fighting water used on the fire.

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

**2. Current Activities**

**2.1 Operations Section**

**2.1.1 Narrative**

At approximately 1900 hours on 23 February 2012 a fire was observed in a 12,500 barrel aboveground biodiesel storage tank. The University (A&M at Galveston) issued a shelter-in-place for their campus. No general shelter-in-place was issued by the Galveston Fire Department. Fire Fighters responding to the fire extinguished the fire at approximately 2230 hours using foam. The University lifted their shelter-in-place at approximately 2230 hours. Fire fighting water was captured and will be treated in the onsite wastewater treatment facility.

**2.1.2 Response Actions to Date**

TCEQ responded and requested assistance from the USEPA. USEPA responded and was transporting air monitoring equipment to the incident site when the fire was extinguished..

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

The PRP is Galveston Bay Biodiesel.

**2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

0

## 2.2 Planning Section

### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

None

#### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

None

#### 2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Check with TCEQ to see if they require additional assistance.

### 2.2.2 Issues

None

## 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

### 3.1 Unified Command

### 3.2 Cooperating Agencies

TCEQ

USEPA

US Coast Guard

Galveston Fire Department

Galveston Police Department

## 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

### 6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

<http://www.epaosc.org/biofueltankfire>

### 6.2 Reporting Schedule

## 7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.