

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Old Bassett Warehouse Fire - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region III

Subject: POLREP #3
Old Bassett Warehouse Fire

Bassett, VA
Latitude: 36.7689876 Longitude: -80.0033104

To:
From: Myles Bartos, OSC
Date: 2/27/2012
Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A3SZ	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Assessment
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:		Start Date:	
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Removal assessment.

1.1.2 Site Description

The Site is a former furniture maker facility. It is currently owned by a non profit organization. It consists of a large brick, timber and steel warehouse that is approximately 10 acres in size. On Nov 21, 2011 a fire broke out at the facility causing approximately half of the building to collapse.

1.1.2.1 Location

Basset, Henry County, Virginia.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Potential asbestos materials exposed to the environment. Suspected asbestos is in and around steam pipes, roofing materials, and insulation.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

During the fire investigation, suspected ACM was spotted. VADOLI mobilized to Site and confirmed, via visual characterization, that there was significant asbestos materials present in the rubble of the building. VADOLI also indicated that all materials would have to be considered asbestos contaminated due to the fire. The fire caused the asbestos to become friable.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

On December 1, 2011 VADEM reported the fire and information regarding the potential asbestos to EPA. They requested assistance in assessing the situation.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

EPA mobilized to the Site on December 2nd and spoke with the PRP to establish access. Access was granted by both the President and the Operations Manager at the Site. VADEM and Henry County

representative were onsite and witnessed the access approval.

EPA also provided verbal notice of potential liability to the PRP if a cleanup or other action may be required. The PRP indicated they understand and was agreeable to EPA's investigation.

START mobilized to the Site on Dec 3rd and collected a mix of bulk and air samples. A total of 3 high volume air samples at the properties perimeter, 2 personal air samples, and 12 bulk samples were collected. The goal of the sampling event was #1 to identify individual materials that may contain asbestos and #2, to determine if the asbestos may become airborne.

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

Resource Exchange Associates has been identified as the owners of the building in question.

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

EPA will evaluate the threat(s) onsite and determine the scope of any response action that is necessary to mitigate such threat. EPA will also evaluate the ability of the PRP to conduct the response action.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

2.2.2 Issues

Asbestos falls under a nationally significant or precedent setting issue and will require EPA headquarters involvement.

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

EPA: OSC Myles Bartos
VADEM
Henry County (Fire Marshall)
REA representatives

5. Definition of Terms

PRP: Potentially Responsible Party
VADEM: Virginia Department of Emergency Management
VADEQ: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
VADOLI: Virginia Department of Labor and Industry
ACM: Asbestos containing material

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.