

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Wedron Ground Water - Removal Polrep  
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** POLREP #1  
Initial  
Wedron Ground Water  
C5B8  
Wedron, IL  
Latitude: 41.4370048 Longitude: -88.7745317

**To:**  
**From:** Steven Faryan, On-Scene Coordinator  
**Date:** 3/8/2012  
**Reporting Period:** 12/14/11 to 3/8/12

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	C5B8	<b>Contract Number:</b>	EP-S5-09-05
<b>D.O. Number:</b>	0090	<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA/OPA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<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>	12/14/2011	<b>Start Date:</b>	12/14/2011
<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

CERCLA Time Critical Removal Action. U.S. EPA is providing bottled water to residents that have impacted groundwater to residential wells

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

A mixed rural, residential and industrial area with a currently unknown number of residential wells affected.

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

Privately owned residential homes in Wedron, LaSalle County, Illinois

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The chemical constituents that have been identified include: Benzene, Ethyl Benzene, Toluene and Naphthalene

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

U.S. EPA was referred this ground water contamination site by IEPA Bruce Everetts in December of 2011. Two homes had been identified in a sampling effort by IEPA and IDPH in November 10, 2011 with benzene levels above the drinking water standard.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

U.S. EPA and START collected two private well samples on December 14, 2012 at the referral locations. The samples both came back with levels of Benzene over the Maximum Concentration level (MCL) which is also the Removal action level. These two residents are currently being provided bottled water.

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

U.S. EPA and START collected two additional private well samples on Jan 30, 2012. It is expected that at least one of these homes will need bottled water. More residents may be impacted based on this last sampling event.

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

- 1) Doyle Hoxley Site (IEPA site)
- 2) Former Junk Yard one block from the site
- 3) Burlington Northern Train Derailment (happened many years ago 2 blocks from site- fuel was lost)
- 4) Wedron Silica Plant and silica mining operations
- 5) Former Go-Cart Manufacturing facility 3466 E. 2062 Rd Wedron, Illinois

#### 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**

Preparation of an Action Memorandum to fund an alternate water supply for affected residents. Conduct ground water investigation to determine source of contamination.

**2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

Additional residential well sampling at homes in town to better define the affected area. Conduct ground water investigatin in Wedron to determne the source of the contamination.

**2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

Prepare Action Memorandum to provide an alternate water supply for the affected area. One option includes a deeper well as a source for residential water supply. Also, whole house carbon and air stripping treatment units to remove the Volatile Organic compounds could be utilized.

**2.2.2 Issues**

**2.3 Logistics Section**

NA

**2.4 Finance Section**

No information available at this time.

**2.5 Other Command Staff**

**2.5.1 Safety Officer**

NA

**2.5.2 Liaison Officer**

NA

**2.5.3 Information Officer**

NA

**3. Participating Entities**

**3.1 Unified Command**

NA

**3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

IEPA  
LaSalle County Health Department  
Illinois Department of Public Health

**4. Personnel On Site**

No information available at this time.

**5. Definition of Terms**

IDPH - Illinois Department of Public Health  
IEPA - Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

**6. Additional sources of information**

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

**6.2 Reporting Schedule**

Additional POLREPS will be issued as needed.

**7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.