

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Mulberry Asbestos ER - Removal Polrep  
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** **POLREP #1**  
**Initial**  
**Mulberry Asbestos ER**  
**C5F5**  
**Albion, MI**  
**Latitude: 42.2484215 Longitude: -84.7485762**

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**Date:** 4/18/2012  
**Reporting Period:** 4/17/2012 - 4/18/2012

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 Background**

<b>Site Number:</b>	C5F5	<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>	EPA	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	4/17/2012	<b>Start Date:</b>	4/17/2012
<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 April 17, 2012, at approximately 1700 hours, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) requested EPA's assistance in responding to a release of asbestos due to improper removal & disposal at 501 Berrien St, Albion, MI. OSC Lippert responded. START and ERRS were activated.

The building is the center of a residential neighborhood and across the street from a City park. Pieces of asbestos are outside the building and in the street. Metal scrappers have removed metal piping within the building and piles of asbestos are near open doors and broken windows. Asbestos has migrated outside the building by the scrappers, rainwater entering the building through large holes in the roof, and blowing winds. Signs of trespass are throughout the building. ERRS is removing asbestos from the areas outside of the building and boarding it up.

Calhoun County Health Department has declared the building to be a public health threat.

#### 1.1.2.1 Location

501 N. Berrien St., Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan 49244

#### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The building is the center of a residential neighborhood and across the street from a City park. Pieces of asbestos are outside the building and in the street. Asbestos has migrated outside the building by the scrappers, rainwater entering the building through large holes in the roof, and blowing winds.

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

EPA responded to a request for assistance from MDEQ regarding asbestos outside a building in Albion, Michigan. EPA arrived on-scene at approximately 1800 hrs on 4/17/2012 and observed pieces of friable asbestos outside the building in various areas, including at the curb in the street. A closer look revealed large quantities of asbestos scattered throughout the building near open doorways and broken windows. The asbestos on the outside of the building appeared to have been transported outside by metal salvagers, wind, and rainwater infiltration into the building.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

EPA responded to a request for assistance from MDEQ regarding asbestos outside a building in Albion, Michigan. EPA arrived on-scene at approximately 1800 hrs on 4/17/2012. Friable asbestos was observed inside and outside of the building.

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

At approximately 2000 hrs on 4/17/2012, EPA began removing asbestos from outside the building. At approximately 2230 hrs EPA completed asbestos removal from outside the building.

On 4/18/2012, EPA removed piles of asbestos from doorways and from close proximity to open windows. EPA also boarded up the building, repaired perimeter fencing and posted signs around the building. EPA used sand bags to contain areas where potential runoff could carry asbestos out of the building again. Calhoun County Health Department declared the building a public health threat.

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

An Enforcement Specialist has been assigned and an attorney has been requested. The PRP and owner of the building is Charles Cuykendall. A verbal Notice was issued by the OSC and EPA attorney.

#### 2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
ACM	Bags	105			Staged in building

<b>R5 Priorities Summary</b>		
This is an Integrated River Assessment. The numbers should overlap.	Miles of river systems cleaned and/or restored	N/A
	Cubic yards of contaminated sediments removed and/or capped	N/A
	Gallons of oil/water recovered	N/A
	Acres of soil/sediment cleaned up in floodplains and riverbanks	N/A
Stand Alone Assessment	Acres Protected	1.6
	Number of contaminated residential yards cleaned up	0
	Human Health Exposures Avoided	1036
	Number of workers on site	10
Contaminant(s) of Concern		
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Asbestos		

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## **2.2 Planning Section**

### **2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

Removal of the remaining piles of friable asbestos from within the building.

Enforcement activities

#### **2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

The waste inside the building is stabilized, but a Time-Critical Removal is needed.

#### **2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

Issue a written General Notice Letter to Charles Cuykendall and George Cousino.

### **2.2.2 Issues**

None

## **2.3 Logistics Section**

Not applicable.

## **2.4 Finance Section**

No information available at this time.

## **2.5 Other Command Staff**

### **2.5.1 Safety Officer**

Ed Kiernicki

### **2.5.2 Liaison Officer**

Don Deblasio

### **2.5.3 Information Officer**

Francisco Arcaute

## **3. Participating Entities**

### **3.1 Unified Command**

UC was not utilized for this response.

### **3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

City of Albion

Albion Public Safety

Calhoun County Public Health

Environmental Restoration, LLC

Weston Solutions

## **4. Personnel On Site**

EPA - 1

MDEQ - 1

ERRS - 5

START - 1

City of Albion - 1

Albion Public Safety - 1

## **5. Definition of Terms**

EPA - United States Environmental Protection Agency

MDEQ - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

ERRS - Emergency Rapid Response Service

START - Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team

CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act

NCP - National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan

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

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

[www.epaosc.org/mulberryasbestos](http://www.epaosc.org/mulberryasbestos)

### **6.2 Reporting Schedule**

Polreps will be issued as needed.

## **7. Situational Reference Materials**

CERCLA

NCP