U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Mole Lake School - Removal Polrep

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**
**Region V**

**Subject:** **POLREP #2**
**Progress**
**Mole Lake School**
**C5A6**
**Crandon, WI**
**Latitude: 45.4798000 Longitude: -88.9851000**

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**Date:** 5/11/2012
**Reporting Period:** 5/7/2012-5/11//2012

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

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| **Site Number:** | C5A6 | **Contract Number:** | |
| **D.O. Number:** | | **Action Memo Date:** | 4/25/2012 |
| **Response Authority:** | CERCLA | **Response Type:** | Time-Critical |
| **Response Lead:** | EPA | **Incident Category:** | Removal Action |
| **NPL Status:** | Non NPL | **Operable Unit:** | |
| **Mobilization Date:** | 5/1/2012 | **Start Date:** | 5/1/2012 |
| **Demob Date:** | | **Completion Date:** | |
| **CERCLIS ID:** | WIN000510670 | **RCRIS ID:** | |
| **ERNS No.:** | | **State Notification:** | |
| **FPN#:** | | **Reimbursable Account #:** | |

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

This is a time critical removal action.

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

The Mole Lake School Site was the former location of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community School until the mid-1980s and was later used as tribal offices until 2005. In October, 2010, the entire building was consumed by a large fire, believed to have been the result of arson. The building debris contained peeling lead paint and friable asbestos. The Site consists of the building remnants, an adjacent ball field, and an adjacent playground area. The contaminants from the building debris were documented as being present on adjacent children play areas.

#### 1.1.2.1 Location

The Site is located at 10960 County Road M, Crandon, Forest County, Wisconsin, 54520. The geographical coordinates for the Site are: Latitude 45.4798 North and Longitude -88.9851 West. The Site is located at the north side of County Road M between Sokaogon Drive and Wisconsin Route 55. The Site consists of the building remnants, an adjacent ball field, and an adjacent playground area. The Site is approximately three acres. The footprint of the building is approximately 11,000 $ft^2$. The Site is accessible to foot traffic on all sides. Land surrounding the Site is comprised of public, residential and commercial properties. There are at least 25 neighboring residences within 1000 feet of the site.

#### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The Site presents an ongoing release of hazardous substances. The Site contains the burned remains of a building. Rubble from the building contains interspersed quantities of lead and ACM inside the building footprint. Lead and asbestos are hazardous substances as defined by 40 C.F.R. § 302.4 of the NCP.

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

Site assessment activities were conducted on October 31, 2011 and December 1, 2011. The site assessment demonstrated the need for a removal action. Additional information regarding the site assessment activities can be found in the Initial PolRep and the document section of www.epaosc.org/molelake.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Response Actions to Date

A summary of the site activities that took place during the first week of the removal action can be found in the Initial PolRep.

During the week of May 7, 2012, the following activities occurred:

- completed demoiltion of building remnants;
- identified, excavated, and stockpiled contaminated soil;
- mobilized an additional excavator (with crushing capability);
- commenced crushing of building debris;
- removed/stabilized deteriorating lead paint on playground equipment;
- began backfilling excavated areas;
- began Site restoration activities;
- maintained dust control at all times;
- conducted perimeter and worker safety air monitoring (http://viper.ert.org); and
- procured transportation and disposal services.

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

There are no enforcement activities related to this site.

#### 2.1.3 Progress Metrics

| *Waste Stream* | *Medium* | *Quantity* | *Manifest #* | *Treatment* | *Disposal* |
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### 2.2 Planning Section

#### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

The following activities are anticipated for the week of May 14, 2012:

- Continue air monitoring and dust control activities;
- Complete debris crushing/preparation of material for transport to disposal facilities;
- Complete backfilling;
- Continue site restoration activities; and
- Commence transportation of waste to disposal faciilties.

#### 2.2.2 Issues

Procurement of a transportation and disposal contract required two bid cycles. Rolloff containers were determiend to be cost prohibitive (largely due to remote location and required turnaround time). Waste is being further processed to allow direct loading into dump trucks.

The Viper system will be demobilized on May 17, 2012 for use at the NATO Summit. Perimeter air monitoring will continue to be conducted, but without the remote monitoring capabilities provided by the Viper system.

### 2.3 Logistics Section

The remote location of the Site is presenting some logistical challenges. Transportation and disposal costs are higher than anticipated and some supplies are limited in the immediate area.

### 2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

### 2.5 Other Command Staff

Not applicable.

## 3. Participating Entities

Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## 4. Personnel On Site

During the week of May 14, 2012:
U.S. EPA: 1
ERRS (LATA Kemron/CMC): 6
START (OTIE): 1

## 5. Definition of Terms

ERT - Emergency Response Team

START - Superfund Technical Assistance and Response Team
ERRS - Emergency and Rapid Response Services

## 6. Additional sources of information

### 6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

Site Information: www.epaosc.org/molelake
Real Time Air Monitoring - VIPER system: http://viper.ert.org

### 6.2 Reporting Schedule

Polreps are planned to be issued weekly or once a project milestone has been reached.

## 7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.