

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
POLLUTION REPORT**

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Subject: Cleanup Ongoing
LaSalle Rolling Mill
1375 9th Street, LaSalle, IL
Latitude: 41.3378000
Longitude: -89.0883000

POLREP No.:	3	Site #:	B5T6
Reporting Period:	9/1/04 to 10/1/04	D.O. #:	N/A
Start Date:	9/4/2003	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	9/4/2003	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	ILN000508129	Contract #	N/A
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

The property is located at 1375 9th Street in LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois. Coordinates for the site are latitude 41 degrees 20' 16" North and longitude 89 degrees 05' 18" West. It is located in an industrial/residential neighborhood, with approximately 895 residents living within one half mile of the site. The Vermilion River is approximately 1000 feet east of the site.

The property known as LaSalle Rolling Mill operated as a metal forming and rolling facility. The facility had been under contract to the U. S. Mint to generate metal blanks for pennies, which required copper plating onto zinc blanks. The facility occupied approximately 12 acres with one main building which contained two furnaces, rolling mill, copper plating line and associated treatment operation, laboratory, warehouse area, and offices. Several storage tanks are located outside which are used for the storage of mill oil and spent plating solution. Although the tanks appeared to have secondary containment, oil staining was present in numerous locations on the west side of the facility. A past spill of mill oil had occurred at the facility and the contaminated soils generated from the remediation were still stored on site. The site is fenced and randomly inspected by the owner.

Current Activities

Significant work has started at the site, Advanced Waste Services was selected as the prime contractor. The following work has been completed or is ongoing as of my site visit of 9/27/04.

The three exterior tanks have been drained and the containment dikes drained and cleaned.

The plating line has been removed and the floor trench has been cleaned of sludge and is awaiting decon.

The treatment system tanks have been drained and cleaned, the filter press cleaning is ongoing as is the removal of sludge from the treatment floor area.

Contaminated lumber from the storage area was removed with the plating debris, soils are still awaiting removal.

Lab chemicals associated with the plating operation have been removed for disposal.

Unused cyanide materials were disposed of with the waste cyanide materials.

Planned Removal Actions

Complete decon of plating line area and treatment line.

Arrange disposal of contaminated soils.

Conduct abatement of asbestos inside building.

Consolidate containers and drums throughout the plant, characterize, and arrange disposal.

Submit monthly report on current actions.

Next Steps

Complete work as stated in the AOC.

Submit Final Report.

Key Issues

RP has missed the deadline as stated in the AOC, work will continue and if completed within the next month the Agency may waive penalties.

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