

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Pine Ridge Asbestos and Lead-based Paint Project Site - Removal Polrep
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region VIII

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial Report
Pine Ridge Asbestos and Lead-based Paint Project Site
A857
Pine Ridge, SD
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Reporting Period: 7/9/2012 - 7/14/2012

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A857	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	6/19/2012
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	7/9/2012	Start Date:	7/9/2012
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	Yes
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Time-Critical Removal Action under CERCLA

1.1.2 Site Description

The Removal Action involves the demolition and proper disposal of approximately 40 - 60 abandoned buildings suspected to contain asbestos and/or lead-based paint. The buildings are generally structurally unsound with insulation, roofing and floor materials released at the Site. The buildings were identified by the Region 8 Brownfields Program and the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Environmental Protection Program as safety concerns and suspected sources of asbestos and lead-based paint exposure to nearby residents.

1.1.2.1 Location

The Site is located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in East Shannon, Jackson and Bennett counties, in southern South Dakota. The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is approximately 3,500 square miles or 2.2 million acres. The approximately 40-60 abandoned buildings include both residential and commercial properties and are dispersed throughout the Site boundaries. The majority of buildings, however, are located in Pine Ridge.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The known contaminants of concern are asbestos and lead. In addition, one home is a suspected source of hanta virus. These are hazardous substances as defined by Section 101 (14) of CERCLA. There are also an unknown number of abandoned containers that may also contain hazardous substances and/or pollutants or contaminants.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

Between April 2008 and March 2012, the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Environmental Protection Program completed environmental assessments and field inspections of approximately 40 - 60 buildings located on the Pine

Ridge Indian Reservation. In general, the buildings were determined to be unsecured, abandoned, structurally unsound and unsafe. Several of the buildings include improperly disposed and abandoned trash and unknown containers. According to the Oglala Sioux Tribe's field inspection reports and documented photos, children play in the abandoned buildings, tearing out insulation and further releasing debris into the environment. The Tribe hired RESPEC Consulting and Services who reviewed the field inspection reports and identified the sites as suspect for asbestos containing materials in floor tiles, insulation, and roofing materials and/or lead-based paint.

On April 24, 2012, the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Environmental Protection Program provided the field inspection reports to EPA Region 8's Brownfields Program and requested assistance from the EPA Emergency Response Unit in demolishing the abandoned buildings and properly disposing of the potential asbestos and lead contaminated materials, abandoned trash, and unknown containers. Given the hazards present at the Site and the proximity to community residences and children, EPA is conducting a Time-Critical Removal Action at the Site utilizing EPA's emergency response contractors.

EPA conducted a removal site assessment June 25-29, 2012, to confirm building locations and identify any potential issues to consider in planning the removal action.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

EPA mobilized to Pine Ridge on July 9, 2012. Landfill preparation began on July 10, 2012. Demolition of the structures began July 12, 2012. One structure was demolished on July 12, 2012. Demolition will begin on three additional structures July 13, 2012. The waste is being transferred and properly disposed of at the Pine Ridge landfill.

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

Not applicable.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
demolition debris	solid	8 boxes		disinfected, wetted, and wrapped	municipal landfill

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

EPA will continue with demolition activities on structures in Pine Ridge, SD, for the next several weeks. After work in Pine Ridge is complete, EPA will proceed with structures in Red Shirt, Wanblee, and other locations in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

EPA will continue with preparation and management of an area within the existing cell at the local Pine Ridge landfill to receive the contaminated waste.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

EPA will continue with demolition activities on structures in Pine Ridge, SD.

2.2.2 Issues

Given the large extent of the Site and the long distances between the landfill and the structures, transportation and logistics are key issues.

2.3 Logistics Section

Not applicable.

2.4 Finance Section

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				

ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$1,100,000.00	\$197,090.26	\$902,909.74	82.08%
TAT/START	\$50,000.00	\$7,200.00	\$42,800.00	85.60%
Intramural Costs				
USEPA - Direct	\$20,000.00	\$650.00	\$19,350.00	96.75%
USEPA - InDirect	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	100.00%
Total Site Costs				
	\$1,200,000.00	\$204,940.26	\$995,059.74	82.92%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

Not applicable.

2.5.2 Liaison Officer

Not applicable.

2.5.3 Information Officer

Not applicable.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

Not applicable.

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

EPA is working closely with the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Environmental Protection Program.

4. Personnel On Site

There are two EPA OSCs, Joyel Dhieux and Martin McComb. In addition, there is one START contractor and 15 ERRS contractors.

5. Definition of Terms

None

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

A viewer has been created to support logistics of the Removal Action. The viewer is available at <https://startview.org/pineridge>.

User: pineridge
Password: 2012epa

6.2 Reporting Schedule

A POLREP will be prepared after the next operating period.

7. Situational Reference Materials

None