

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

**Date:** Tuesday, August 14, 2012

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**Subject:** PRP Lead w/o Enforcement Instrument  
Carter Carburetor  
2840 N. Spring Avenue, St. Louis, MO  
Latitude: 38.6564996  
Longitude: -90.2224316

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	1	<b>Site #:</b>	07JJ
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	12/3/2012 thru 12/20/2012	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	12/3/2011	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	12/3/2011	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Demob Date:</b>	12/20/2011	<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>	12/20/2011	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	M0D00822601	<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

#### **Site Description**

The Carter Carburetor site includes two dilapidated buildings and two associated vacant lots in St. Louis, Missouri. The site is in an Environmental Justice community. The primary contaminants found at this site include poly-chlorinated biphenyls (PCB), trichloroethylene (TCE), and asbestos. The site is in a commercial area with residential areas nearby.

EPA has identified two Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs): ACF Industries and Carter Building Incorporated (hereinafter ACF and CBI). ACF was the former owner of the buildings and CBI is the current owner of the buildings. ACF has spent several million dollars identifying the extent of contamination and quantifying the potential human health risks at the site under a CERCLA Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent. ACF has prepared an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) laying out several cleanup alternatives for the site at four distinct areas of the site: the CBI Building, the Die Cast Area, the former aboveground TCE storage tank area, and the Willco Plastics Building. The EE/CA was finalized and submitted to the public for comment in September 2010.

After extending the public comment period several times, EPA received numerous comments on the EE/CA. Responses to all substantial comments received from the public were documented in the site Responsiveness Summary. Taking into account comments from the community, the Region 7 Administrator signed an Action Memorandum in March 2011, documenting the appropriate removal actions to address contamination in each of the four areas described above.

In December 2011, ACF voluntarily completed installing a fence around the site to prevent unauthorized access and entry into the contaminated buildings.

EPA is currently in negotiations with the PRPs to implement the chosen removal actions.

#### **Current Activities**

After several break-ins at the site, EPA requested that the PRPs erect a fence surrounding the site to help prevent public access and potential exposure to hazardous substances. ACF Industries agreed to erect the fence voluntarily.

The fence was completed on or about December 20, 2011.

#### **Planned Removal Actions**

This completes all activities concerning the voluntary erection of the fence. EPA agreed to conduct maintenance of the fence until such time the primary removal action is started.

#### **Next Steps**

None. Action is complete.

**Key Issues**

This was a separate voluntary action by a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP).

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