

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2004
From: Brian Kelly

Subject: Detroit Train Derailment - Initial/Final
Detroit Train Derailment
7 Mile and I-75, Detroit, MI
Latitude: 42.4320590
Longitude: -83.1007750

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	1139
Reporting Period:	Initial and Final	D.O. #:	N/A
Start Date:	10/25/2004	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:		Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:	10/25/2004	Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

Rail Road tracks south of 7 Mile, east of I-75, Detroit, Michigan.

Current Activities

At approximately 1030 hours, a Canadian National Railroad (CNR) train derailed. Four of the cars carrying methanol jumped the track and were damaged. The Detroit Fire Department's IC ordered a precautionary evacuation. U.S. EPA responded to assist. Once on site, U.S. EPA coordinated with the Federal Railroad Administration and the Detroit IC.

During an assessment by HazMat teams, only one of the cars was found to be leaking/dripping. It is estimated less than 1-gallon of methanol was released. Air monitoring did not detect elevated levels and the evacuation was lifted.

CNR hired Hulcher Services to remove the damaged cars and restore the train tracks.

U.S. EPA has demobed from the site.

Planned Removal Actions

None

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