

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Shushan Bentwood II - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region II

Subject: POLREP #2
Initiation of Emergency Removal Action
Shushan Bentwood II

Shushan, NY
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Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:		Contract Number:	EP-S2-10-01
D.O. Number:	10/18/2012	Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	10/17/2012	Start Date:	10/17/2012
Demob Date:	10/19/2012	Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	NYN00206603	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	1201
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Abandoned chemicals in defunct wood furniture factory.

1.1.2 Site Description

While attempting to contact the owner of the defunct Shushan Bentwood factory located in Salem NY (see other web site on OSC.net) the OSC went to Shushan, NY to the address-of-record. Instead of finding a residence, the OSC found another abandoned wood working factory where wooden chairs were made, and it bore the same name as the facility in Salem. . The building's old wooden exterior is in fair condition but the interior is trashed and one concrete block wall has collapsed. The building contains tons of shaped wood furniture parts constituting a heavy fire load. There is also a large, insulated vertical AST, approximately 2,000 gallons, which may contain chemicals or oil. The nearest residence is 100 feet away and other residences are further along the road. The building is abandoned, but a broken garage door could provide total access to vandals or children. The resident of the closest house told the OSC that his dog runs inside the premises routinely (possibly contacting the asbestos) and he has seen youngsters entering the premises too.

1.1.2.1 Location

The Site is approximately 25 miles east of Saratoga Springs and 40 miles north of Albany in the village of Shushan, Washington County, NY, close to the Vermont border.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Abandoned and deteriorated chemical containers and friable asbestos pipe insulation.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

The OSC discovered the presence of 7 55-gallon drums of unknown chemicals and approximately 45 5-gallon pails and similar containers of containers, some labeled as "paint thinner". Many of the containers are in deteriorated condition and at least one had white crystalline material caked around the bottom of the

container. In addition to the containers, there is approximately 20 linear feet of friable asbestos insulation, some of which has fallen to the floor

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

The NRC and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation have been notified. The NRC Spill Report # is 102786 and the DEC # is 1207.

On 10/18/2012 the OSC and the ERRS contractor arrived at the Site and initiated a removal action. By COB ERRS had retrieved and staged approximately 100 containers of various sizes from one pint up to 5 gallons.

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

The current owner of the property has been located in nearby Cambridge, NY and has given EPA written access to the premises in Shushan to conduct a removal action.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

EPA Region II response personnel will assess the situation and determine the appropriate course of action.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

On 10/19/2012 the remaining containers, including those greater than 5 gallon up to 55-gallon capacity, will be overpacked and staged temporarily.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

ERRS will demobe the Site until the OSC can arrange for the drums of unknowns can be sampled and sent to a lab for analysis.

Once the contents of the containers are known compatible chemicals will be bulked for disposal. Smaller containers will be lab packed and shipped for disposal.

2.2.2 Issues

None

2.3 Logistics Section

TBD

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

NYSDEC

Cambridge Police Department

Cambridge Volunteer Fire Department

4. Personnel On Site

EPA OSC

Kemron Environmental Services, ERRS contractor

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.