

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Roland Dump Fire - Removal Polrep
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region V

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial PolRep
Roland Dump Fire

Gary, IN
Latitude: 41.6293654 Longitude: -87.4122047

To:
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Date: 11/6/2012
Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	C5L5	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	PRP	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	11/5/2012	Start Date:	11/5/2012
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

1.1.2 Site Description

On August 31, 2012, Gary Fire Department requested the assistance of US EPA at the Rowland Dump Fire. The fire was first documented on April 24, 2012, when the Gary Fire Department responded to a large brush fire in that area. The flames were extinguished, but the fire continues to smolder underground. The smoldering is occurring at a former illegal dump that was recently compacted for the installation of railroad tracks. On site there are visible abandoned drums, and discarded tires. There is also a phase II report that identifies numerous hazardous substances including heavy metals in the landfill.

1.1.2.1 Location

The site is located along the border of the Norfolk Southern, Indiana Sugar Line and the Former Roland Dump

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

There is an underground fire burning that is releasing dangerous levels of toxic gases

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

Norfolk Southern Corp (NS) completed a voluntary action beginning on Monday, Nov 5 and concluding on Mon Nov 12. SWS and CTEH began their work under NS, and began digging into the burning piles, spreading them out, and applying water to the smoldering material. NS has agreed to address the problem up to the edge of their property line. The problem appears to extend beyond the property line, buring on the property of NS and on the property of Gary-Chicago Airport Authority(GYY).

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

The GYY compacted the landfill in April, approximately the same time the fire was identified. There is no evidence indicating that any party conducted a controlled burn.

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

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

2.2.2 Issues

It is unknown if the fire continues to burn

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

No information available at this time.

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

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.