

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Batchelder Site - Removal Polrep
Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region I

Subject: POLREP #2
Final
Batchelder Site
013M
Newtown, CT
Latitude: 41.3624330 Longitude: -73.2535160

To:
From: Eric Vanderboom, OSC
Date: 2/15/2013
Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	013M	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		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:	10/31/2012	Start Date:	10/31/2012
Demob Date:	2/14/2013	Completion Date:	2/14/2013
CERCLIS ID:	CTD981069180	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

CERCLA

1.1.2 Site Description

The Site consists of multiple buildings set on a 30-acre property zoned for manufacturing, and is currently inactive. The northern third of the property is occupied by the Charles Batchelder facility and the southern two thirds of the property is occupied by Pine Swamp. Large amounts of the northern third of the property are occupied by buildings and paved areas. The northern part of the property is where approximately 20 piles of the dross material reside. There are also two large piles of the baghouse dust within the buildings. Charles Batchelder & Company Inc., the current owner, operated an on-site aluminum recycling/smelting facility between 1947 and 1987 at which time it went bankrupt.

1.1.2.1 Location

The Site is located at 46A Swamp Road, Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut. It is bordered to the north by a commercial property and railroad tracks operated by Housatonic Railroad, to the south, southeast, east and west by wetlands known as Pine Swamp. Land use in the area is residential and industrial. The geographical coordinates at the approximate center of the Site are latitude 41° 21' 49.0" north and longitude 73° 15' 12.7" west.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The Site presents an ongoing release of hazardous substances. Large dross and baghouse dust piles, present throughout the property and buildings, contain quantities of hazardous substances as defined by 40 C.F.R. §302.4 of the NCP. Analysis of the 53 samples from the Site detected PCBs, lead, arsenic, copper and cadmium in excess of CTDEEP and/or EPA/ATSDR screening levels for unrestricted residential use.

There is evidence that trespassers, including children, visit the Site frequently to be exposed to the aforementioned hazardous substances that are accessible. Activities taking place on the piles include congregating, playing, riding bicycles, motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

On April 9, 2012, OSC Vanderboom and START personnel conducted a Site Investigation. START collected 41 samples from various piles and 12 soil samples which were analyzed for metals, PCBs and volatile organic compounds (VOC) by EPA's New England Regional Laboratory (NERL).

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

ERRS contractor mobilized to the Site on 10/31/2012 to begin prepping the site for load out of the piles of waste. On 02/14/2013 load out of waste piles and drums was completed and all equipment was demobilized.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

- Prep work including set-up of command post, clear vegetation and mobilize all necessary equipment.
- Repair/replace sections of security fencing that had breaches.
- Load out of waste piles for transport and disposal.
- Load out for transport and disposal.
- Demobilization of command post and all equipment associated with removal action.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Party

EPA enforcement staff will be working to identify PRP.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
Aluminum smelting waste	Soil (dross, ash, soil mix)	11991 tons	multiple		Landfill
D001,D010	Liquid	70lbs	011144600		
D002	Liquid	65lbs	011144596		
D006,D008,D010,D011,D007	Liquid	2000lbs	011144596		
D006	Liquid	1100lbs	011144596		
D011	Liquid	200lbs	011144596		
D007	Liquid	1600lbs	011144597		
D006,D008,D010,D011,D007	Liquid	1000lbs	011144597		

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

None

2.2.2 Issues

Clean-up activities in CT, NJ and NY due to Superstorm Sandy have made trucks, for transport and disposal, hard to get.

2.3 Logistics Section

None

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

OSC is acting as site safety officer.

2.5.2 Liaison Officer

OSC is acting as site liaison officer.

2.5.3 Information Officer

Kelsey O'Neil is the Public Information Officer (PIO).

3. Participating Entities

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

Town of Newtown
CTDEEP
CT DPH
Newtown District Department of Health
ATSDR

4. Personnel On Site

EPA - 1
START - 1
ERRS - 4-6

5. Definition of Terms

None

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

[epaosc.org/batchelder](http://epaossc.org/batchelder)

7. Situational Reference Materials

None