

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2004
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Subject: Brewer Gold Mine
1/2 Mile N. of Intersection of SR 265 and CR 110, Jefferson, SC
Latitude: 34.6422000
Longitude: -80.4097000

POLREP No.:	15	Site #:	04MQ
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	04001
Start Date:	11/3/2003	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:		Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	SCD987577913	Contract #	68S40205
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

Please refer to previous POLREP's for background information.

Current Activities

During the reporting period the dredge was delivered to the Site. The installation process for the dredge involved first placing anchors on either side of the Northwest Trend Pit to provide a the guide wire for the dredge. A workbench was then carved out of the side of the pit to provide a working area to operate the dredge and to house the electronics.

On November 7th the dredge was floated. It operates at an average flowrate of 400 gal/min. To date the dredge has been operating for 10 days and has pumped approximately 1.1 million gallons of sludge out of the Northwest Trend Pit. The sludge removed is being pumped to empty holding cells located near the treated water ponds behind the office area. Once it is pumped there the water is skimmed off the top and the sludge is dried.

Planned Removal Actions

The planned removal actions are to continue the water treatment and remove sludge as necessary from the Northwest Trend Pit.

Key Issues

The only issue is that the dredge needs to be "driven." The dredge moves via a wench located near the guide wire that pulls the dredge along. However, the dredge has to be repositioned at the end of every pass in order to make another pass.

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