

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Belmont Avenue Warehouse Fire - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** POLREP #2  
Progress  
Belmont Avenue Warehouse Fire  
  
Indianapolis, IN  
Latitude: 39.7613920 Longitude: -86.1985070

**To:**  
**From:** Jaime Brown, On-Scene Coordinator  
**Date:** 6/22/2013  
**Reporting Period:** 06/20/2013 through 06/26/2013

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	C5U7	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Response Lead:</b>	EPA	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	6/20/2013	<b>Start Date:</b>	6/21/2013
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>		<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Incident Category:  
Spill or other one-time event

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

The site is the Belmont Avenue Warehouse Fire. It is comprised of a warehouse that contained materials for recycling, including tires and asphalt roofing shingles. The warehouse also contained wooden pallets, propane tanks, and heavy equipment. The facility caught fire the morning of June 15, 2013.

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

The site is located at 220 S. Belmont Avenue in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. Site coordinates are 39.7587870 degrees north latitude and 86.1973720 degrees west longitude.

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Asbestos containing roofing material was released to the environment as a result of the fire. The Marion County Public Health Department requested assistance after analytical results confirmed the presence of asbestos in the debris.

#### 1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

See Section 2.1.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

The Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) requested assistance with air monitoring from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 15, 2013. On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Shelly Lam responded. OSC Lam mobilized the Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractor, the Environmental Response Team (ERT), and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). MCPHD requested further assistance with recovering fugitive roofing material (debris) containing asbestos. OSC Jaime Brown responded to assess the extent of dispersal and to coordinate response activities.

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

EPA worked in conjunction with MCPHD and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to conduct the response actions listed below.

- Mobilized to site and met with Response Manager, MCPHD and property owner;
- Mobilized twelve members of the Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) and one START member to the site on 06/22/2013;
- Began removal activities in the evacuation area and extending outward to the northwest including, wetting and bagging of roofing debris;
- Conducted monitoring for asbestos and particulates using personal air monitoring pumps;
- Collected samples for asbestos analysis.

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

EPA is gathering information about the tenants and owners of the building that caught fire.

**2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

Area 1 is defined as the primary area of concern based on deposition of the roofing debris. As of 06/26 80% of this area has been addressed with visible debris being removed from public right of ways and front yards. Crews also addressed The IUPUI campus and as of 6/26 95% of the campus was rechecked after campus personnel initial removed visible debris. ERRS crews also began to address the call-in list provided by MCPHD.

R5 Priorities Summary		
This is an Integrated River Assessment. The numbers should overlap.	Miles of river systems cleaned and/or restored	0
	Cubic yards of contaminated sediments removed and/or capped	0
	Gallons of oil/water recovered	0
	Acres of soil/sediment cleaned up in floodplains and riverbanks	0
Stand Alone Assessment	Acres Protected	0
	Number of contaminated residential yards cleaned up	0
	Human Health Exposures Avoided	1,000
	Number of workers on site	Unknown
Contaminant(s) of Concern		
Contaminant(s) of Concern	Asbestos, particulate matter	

**2.2 Planning Section**

**2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

The following sections detail anticipated activities.

**2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

EPA will continue to address the MCPHD call-in reports and work to gain access to properties in area 1 to survey backyards.

**2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

EPA will submit air samples for analysis, and will provide sample results to MCPHD and IDEM. EPA will attempt to gain access to properties to ensure that roofing debris is removed from the area.

**2.2.2 Issues**

None

**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 Brown was the safety officer for EPA's activities.

**2.5.2 Liaison Officer**

Not applicable (NA)

**2.5.3 Information Officer**

MCPHD is acting as the lead for media inquiries. OSC Brown provided interviews to two television news stations and participated in a joint news conference.

### 3. Participating Entities

#### 3.1 Unified Command

None

#### 3.2 Cooperating Agencies

EPA received support from IFD, MCPHD, IDEM, and ATSDR.

### 4. Personnel On Site

The following personnel were supporting air monitoring operations:

EPA	1 OSC
ERRS	13 members
START	1 START
RP	10 contractors

### 5. Definition of Terms

ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERT	Environmental Response Team
IDEM	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
IFD	Indianapolis Fire Department
MCPHD	Marion County Public Health Department
NA	Not applicable
OSC	On-Scene Coordinator
PAH	Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons
PIO	Public Information Officer
PM 2.5	2.5 micron particulate matter
PolRep	Pollution Report
ppb	parts per billion
ppm	parts per million
PRP	Potentially Responsible Party
SPM	Single Point Monitor
START	Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team
TDD	Technical Direction Document
ug/m3	micrograms per cubic meter
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds

### 6. Additional sources of information

#### 6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

The OSC has posted additional information to [www.epaosc.org/belmontavfire](http://www.epaosc.org/belmontavfire).

#### 6.2 Reporting Schedule

The OSC will submit additional PolReps as needed.

### 7. Situational Reference Materials

NA