

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region I
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Friday, December 10, 2004

From: Catherine Young

Subject: Walpole Acetone Release
18 Industrial Road, Walpole, MA
Latitude: 42.1214000
Longitude: -71.2719000

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	1212
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	12/9/2004	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	12/9/2004	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:	12/10/2004	NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:	12/10/2004	Incident Category:	
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

On December 8, 2004, EPRB received notification through the National Response Center (NRC report # 743642) of an accidental release of 1,300 gallons of acetone. The acetone release occurred in the evening of December 6 at a wholesale chemical distributing facility (Callahan Company) in Walpole, Massachusetts while a tanker truck was being loaded. The material was first released into a secondary containment dike area surrounding the load-out scale. Possibly due to heavy rainfall the night of the release, the outlet valves from the containment area had been left open and some of the released acetone made its way out of the containment area and into a swale on the southeast corner of the property.

Current Activities

OSC Lipson responded to the scene during the evening of December 8 and met with the Responsible Party (RP) and a responder from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). During his visit and tour of the impacted areas, OSC Lipson and the MA DEP responder were able to utilize a field instrument and still detect elevated levels of volatiles in air within a few of the impacted areas. The RP hired a LSP environmental contractor (Cyn Environmental) who is actively conducting cleanup and sampling activities. OSCs Gardner and Pasquerella responded to the scene on December 9 in order to further assess the impact of the release, discuss notification protocols with the RP, review the facility's SPCC Plan, and to provide air monitoring support to the DEP responder. Although there was no obvious evidence of a release to the nearby wetlands, DEP is requiring the RP to conduct confirmatory surface water sampling in the area.

Planned Removal Actions

No further EPA removal action is planned. The RP will address follow-up issues under the oversight of DEP.

Key Issues

The RP did not notify the National Response Center until two days after the release occurred. OSCs Gardner and Pasquerella discussed the importance of prompt notification with the RP.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any

contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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