

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Oak Cliff Metals Fire - Removal Polrep
Initial and Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region VI

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial and Final
Oak Cliff Metals Fire

Waxahachie, TX
Latitude: 32.3971110 Longitude: -96.8410840

To:
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Date: 8/26/2013
Reporting Period: 8/24-8/25/13

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	Contract Number:
D.O. Number:	Action Memo Date:
Response Authority: CERCLA	Response Type:
Response Lead: EPA	Incident Category:
NPL Status: Non NPL	Operable Unit:
Mobilization Date: 8/24/2013	Start Date: 8/24/2013
Demob Date: 8/25/2013	Completion Date: 8/25/2013
CERCLIS ID:	RCRIS ID:
ERNS No.:	State Notification:
FPN#:	Reimbursable Account #:

1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response

1.1.2 Site Description

On 24 August 2013, EPA was notified of a fire at Oak Cliff Metals recycling facility near Waxahachie, Texas. The facility recycles ferrous and non-ferrous metals. The fire started at approximately 1900 on 24 August 2013 of unknown causes. On 24 August, the Waxahachie Fire Department contacted TCEQ for assistance at which time TCEQ requested air monitoring assistance from EPA. The nearest residence is approximately ½ mile from the site and no evacuations were in place. The Ellis Dallas Unified Cooperative Team consisting of area wide fire departments responded to the incident with the Waxahachie Fire Department Fire Chief acting as the Incident Commander.

1.1.2.1 Location

500 Brown Industrial Road
Waxahachie, TX 75167

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Fire at a Metals Recycling Facility

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

EPA representatives arrived on site at approximately 0045 on 25 August 2013 and observed that the fire was still burning. While onsite, EPA conducted air monitoring activities at 10 locations around the perimeter of the site. Air monitoring equipment utilized included 3 VRaes with the following sensors: Chlorine, Sulfur Dioxide, LEL, Oxygen, phosphine, Nitrogen Dioxide, Ammonia, and Hydrogen Cyanide; 1 multiRae with Carbon Monoxide, Hydrogen Sulfide, and a PID for VOCs; and a pDR for particulates. All air monitoring conducted did not detect any chemical contamination above background levels and did not detect and particulates above an actionable level. At approximately 0345 on 25 August 2013, EPA representatives observed the fire had been predominately extinguished. At 0420 EPA representatives departed the site. The TCEQ returned to the site during the day on 25 August 2013 to observe the site during daylight hours and to handle any firewater runoff issues.

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

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
Metals	Air				

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

No further EPA actions are planned.

2.2.2 Issues

The fire fighting was slowed due to issues establishing a water source during the initial stages of fire fighting activities.

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.