

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Portage Creek Area - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region V

Subject: POLREP #42
Progress
Portage Creek Area
059B05
Kalamazoo, MI
Latitude: 42.2839750 Longitude: -85.5791570

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Reporting Period: 12/21/2013 - 3/28/2014

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	059B05	Contract Number:	EP-S5-08-02
D.O. Number:	0087	Action Memo Date:	7/5/2011
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	NPL	Operable Unit:	05
Mobilization Date:	9/26/2011	Start Date:	8/30/2011
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	MID006007306	RCRIS ID:	NA
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	Yes
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Fund-lead removal action

1.1.2 Site Description

See POLREP #1

1.1.2.1 Location

See POLREP #1

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

See POLREP #1

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

See POLREP #1

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

Extreme cold and heavy snow conditions prevented field activity during the reporting period. Planning for remaining restoration work in the 2014 construction season and development of the final project report continued.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

From December 21, 2013 to March 28, 2014, EPA, START and ERRS contractors conducted the following activities:

Project Management Activities

- Met with individual property owners affected by project to discuss and obtain signatures on close-out document;
- Met with restoration sub-contractor to discuss replacement of impacted 2012 restoration plantings and

outstanding restoration planting / grading work in SA1A;

- Met with property owner at entrance to SA1C to plan additional restoration work on impacted asphalt;
- Planned additional post-construction sampling at John Street Staging Area and SA1A staging area;
- Planned additional restoration activities in SA1A staging area; and
- Continued review and development of project final report (full draft developed).

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

See POLREP #1

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

NA

2.2 Planning Section

Removal activities anticipated to take place this Spring (as weather permits) include the following:

Site Activities - SA1A&B

- Conduct additional soil removal/grading activities in SA1A work area as needed;
- Apply seed/fertilizer mixture in areas around restoration plantings and concrete/asphalt repairs;
- Install erosion control blanket in areas where soil removal/grading/seed is applied;
- Remove silt fence along creek banks; and
- Conduct additional restoration plantings as requested by property owner(s).

Site Activities - SA1C

- Complete additional asphalt repairs at entrance off 536 E. Michigan Avenue.

Project Management Activities

- Replace impacted 2012 restoration plantings; and
- Continue review and development of project final report.

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

See POLREP #2

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

See above

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

See above

2.2.2 Issues

None

2.3 Logistics Section

There were no resources present on site during this reporting period.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

Craig Thomas serves as safety officer.

2.6 Liaison Officer

Craig Thomas serves as liaison with local officials and interested parties.

2.7 Information Officer

See Section 2.6

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

See Section 2.6

2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

Don DeBlasio and Patti Krause - U.S. EPA

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

N/A

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

City of Kalamazoo:

Department of Public Services

Parks and Recreation Department

Economic Development Department

Community Planning & Development

Public Safety Department

Fire Department
Police Department
Redevelopment Department
Bronson Methodist Hospital
Kalamazoo Nature Center

4. Personnel On Site

U.S. EPA - 2
ERRS contractor (Environmental Quality Management, Inc) - 1

TOTAL PERSONNEL = 3 (during site visits only)

5. Definition of Terms

ERRS - Emergency and Rapid Response Services
FOSC - Federal On Scene Coordinator
HASP - Health and Safety Plan
mg/kg - milligrams per kilogram
mg/m3 - milligrams per cubic meter
MDEQ - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
PCB - polychlorinated biphenyl
ppm - parts per million
SA - Slope Area
START - Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team
U.S. EPA - United States Environmental Protection Agency

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

See the project website at <http://www.epaosc.org/portagecreekarea>.

6.2 Reporting Schedule

The next POLREP will be generated as needed dependent on field activity.

7. Situational Reference Materials

See the project website at <http://www.epaosc.org/portagecreekarea>.

Additional information on the overall Kalamazoo River Project can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/Region5/cleanup/kalproject/index.htm>.