

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Sugar Creek Scrap - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region V

Subject: POLREP #2
Progress
Sugar Creek Scrap
C5R4
Terre Haute, IN
Latitude: 39.4482050 Longitude: -87.4230074

To:
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Date: 6/5/2014
Reporting Period: 06/04/2014-06/06/2014

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	C5R4	Contract Number:	EP-S5-08-04
D.O. Number:	0068	Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	6/2/2014	Start Date:	6/3/2014
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	INN000510898	RCRIS ID:	INR000017699
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	IDEM
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) incident category:
Inactive dump

1.1.2 Site Description

The Site is a 28 acre parcel along the Wabash River southwest of downtown Terre Haute, IN. The City of Terre Haute (CITY) acquired the property in order to construct sewer improvements as required by EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to eliminate combined sewer overflows to the Wabash River. The City is also constructing a public walking path along the bank of the Wabash River. The path will travel through the Site and connect Fairbanks Park north of the Site to natural areas south of the Site.

Site characteristics include wooded and brushy areas, high ground, wetlands, and a surface impoundment. The Site is bordered to the north by wooded lowland, to the northeast by the former Wabash Environmental Technologies (the location of 2 previous EPA removal actions), to the northeast by ELANCO (animal food supplement manufacturer), to the east by Southwest Auto Company, and to the south by undeveloped high ground and wetlands. In 1997, IDEM discovered special and hazardous wastes were being improperly land disposed on along the southern Site boundary and into the next parcel to the south. IDEM issued administrative orders related to the findings and oversaw a RCRA Corrective Action that was completed by 2006.

There are no buildings or standing structures at the Site. The City has constructed a new entrance drive to the Site and is in the process of erecting several thousand feet of perimeter fencing.

1.1.2.1 Location

The Sugar Creek Scrap Site is located west of Southwest Auto Company, 1901-1941 Prairieton Road, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana and is between Southwest Auto and the Wabash River. The immediate area surrounding the Site is developed and undeveloped commercial property. Residential housing is within a half mile to the east. Fairbanks Park is a half mile to the North.

The geographical coordinates for the driveway entering the Site are 39.448326 north latitude and -87.418634 west longitude.

EPA established a Project Office at 1900 Prairieton Road, Terre Haute, IN.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The City requested assistance from EPA after discovering coal ash & cinders, foundry sands, drums and other potential for hazardous substances at the Site. EPA performed a Site Assessment and documented levels of lead as high as 9,400 parts per million (ppm) (total lead) and 110 milligrams/Liter (mg/L) TCLP in unconfined waste piles and surface soils at the Site. Lead is designated as a hazardous substance under Section 102 of CERCLA and TCLP results were above hazardous waste regulatory levels for toxicity characteristic. Numerous drums, an above ground storage tank (AST), and other containers are also abandoned at the Site. Many containers are old, deteriorated and empty. At least one deteriorated drum was a lined acid drum.

Future site workers, including sewer construction workers and city sanitation workers, as well as future public park users could be exposed to hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants presently at the Site. Contaminants may also migrate offsite by storm water runoff, flooding and erosion by the Wabash River, leaching to groundwater, wind action, or by foot or vehicle traffic.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

EPA performed a removal site evaluation of the Site. The OSC and Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractors performed a site assessment including a site reconnaissance and a field sampling event on February 25th, 2013. EPA observed and documented the presence of approximately 150 55-gallon drums; numerous slag, foundry sand, ash and debris piles; and tires, heavy equipment, vehicles, and vehicle parts throughout the Site. Many of the drums and containers were deteriorated and empty. A large AST estimated at 10,000 gallons was located in the northeast corner of the retention pond and approximately 10 to 15 ft into the water. EPA collected one sediment sample, one surface water sample, and ten surface soil or waste pile samples. Analytical results documented lead in soil/waste pile samples exceeding: IDEM's direct contact standards for industrial soil and excavation; EPA's industrial removal management level (RML) for lead; and hazardous waste criteria for toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) Lead. (Site Assessment Report, Weston, 2013)

EPA and START performed additional screening and sampling for metals May 9 through 13, 2014 to determine scope and extent of contamination in surface soil. A grid system was used to track data, the system will direct where removal work is to be performed. EPA also collected additional sediment samples in the surface impoundment and wetlands at the Site. Results will be distributed to the City and IDEM Site Investigations.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

EPA, START contractors and Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractors mobilized to the Site on June 2, 2014 and established a Project Office near the Site entrance. Plans have been written to control site activities, including a site specific health and safety plan (SSHASP), Work Plan, Air Monitoring Plan, and Sampling and Analysis Plan.

The response actions described below will be implemented to directly address actual or potential releases of hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants at the site which may pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health, or welfare, or the environment. Activities on-site will include:

- Screening additional areas for lead in waste piles and surface soils.
- Performing test trenching and screening for lead within the area where the City will be excavating a construction trench;
- Excavating surface soils and waste piles contaminated with lead greater than 800 ppm;
- Evaluation of drums, AST and other containers for hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants;
- Staging, monitoring and sampling of containers as necessary for waste characterization and disposal options;
- Implementing post excavation soil sampling/monitoring to determine if elevated sub-surface contamination will remain on site, and delineating remaining subsurface contamination detected before backfilling;
- Determine options for treatment, backfilling and covering of, or off-site disposal of, lead contaminated soils;
- Coordinating backfilling and restoring the excavated and disturbed areas with the City; and
- Transportation and off-site disposal of wastes at an approved facility.

Additional site activities will include security, perimeter air monitoring, and decontamination on the site, as needed to complete the removal action. This response action will be conducted in accordance with Section 104(a)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(a)(1) and Section 300.415 of the NCP, 40 C.F.R. § 300.415, to abate or eliminate the immediate threat posed to public health and/or the environment by the presence of the hazardous substances. No immediate contact threats with hazardous substances are expected to remain at the site once the removal action is completed. The City anticipates restricted uses at the Site due to location and previous land uses. The City will be performing additional work after conclusion of EPA actions, including: solid waste removal, construction of new sewer structures, grading, and seeding on the

Site.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

Activities for the operational period June 4 to June 6:

- Performed air monitoring for Particulate Matter (PM);
- Grubbed and cleared areas for improved access, excavation, and stockpiling;
- Began inventory/labelling of drums and other containers;
- Collected additional soil screening data for excavation;
- Surveyed property boundary and Site features prior to excavation

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

EPA established an Enforcement Team including an OSC, regional counsel, enforcement specialist, and investigator. The Team has pursued an enforcement first strategy. The Team identified several Potential Responsible Parties (PRP) and issued General Notice Letters to Sugar Creek Scrap and Shirlee Levin (owner). EPA also issued 104e information requests to Sugar Creek Scrap, Shirlee Levin, and Gartland Foundry.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
Soil/Waste containing Lead	solid	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Activities will include:

- Additional scope and extent of contamination surveying
- Test excavations
- Soil excavation and stockpiling
- Inventory, evaluation of drums and other containers
- Soil treatment, as necessary
- Disposal, as necessary
- Coordination with City construction activities in a manner to save EPA resources

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Test excavations, container inventory

2.2.2 Issues

The Site is bordered by the Wabash River and groundwater and the surface impoundment at the Site are influenced by river stage. Rains the week of 6/3 caused the Wabash River stage to increase by 11 feet in several days. High water levels in the surface impoundment affect the ability to approach and access the AST and other containers. High levels may also encroach on soils along the waters edge that have high levels of lead.

Unconfined waste piles and surface soils containing lead are located near the northern Site boundary. EPA has been attempting to gain access to these areas via gravel roadway located on the nearest adjacent parcel to the north. The enforcement team has been attempting to gain access from the parcel owner; however, the parcel is out of production and owners are difficult to determine and locate.

2.3 Logistics Section

ERRS will provide for Logistics needs at the Site.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

The OSC serves as overall Site Safety Officer. ERRS and START coordinated in the development of a SSHASP that incorporates regulatory, contractual and internal safety requirements. The ERRS Response Manager (RM) serves as the direct Site Safety Officer for ERRS personnel. All site workers reviewed and signed the SSHASP and are responsible for personal implementation of the plan and observance of safety practices at the Site.

2.5.2 Liaison Officer

The OSC serves as Liaison Officer for the Site.

2.5.3 Information Officer

The OSC serves as Information Officer for the Site until such time as another individual would be appointed. Media reports regarding Sugar Creek Scrap Site are available in the Links section of www.epaosc.org/sugarcreekscrap.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

EPA and the City Brownfields and Sanitation District are coordinating closely at the Site. The OSC developed a site Emergency Response Contingency Plan and distributed the plan to local fire, police, county health, and state environmental response agencies.

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

EPA
City Brownfields
City Sanitation District
IDEM Brownfields
IDEM Site Assessment

4. Personnel On Site

EPA OSC - 1
START - 1
ERRS - 5

City - 1

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

www.epaosc.org/sugarcreekscrap

6.2 Reporting Schedule

Pollution Reports (POLREP) will be issued weekly in any week EPA removal actions are ongoing. Additional POLREPs may be issued due to special circumstances. A Final POLREP will be issued once EPA actions have concluded.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.