

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Summerville Diesel Spill - Removal Polrep  
Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region IV

**Subject:** POLREP #2  
Final Polrep  
Summerville Diesel Spill  
  
Summerville, GA  
Latitude: 34.4698264 Longitude: -85.3587022

**To:**  
**From:** Stephen Ball, On-Scene Coordinator  
**Date:** 7/11/2014  
**Reporting Period:**

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	<b>Contract Number:</b>
<b>D.O. Number:</b>	<b>Action Memo Date:</b>
<b>Response Authority:</b> OPA	<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> 5/13/2014	<b>Start Date:</b> 5/13/2014
<b>Demob Date:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b> 6/18/2014
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>
<b>ERNS No.:</b>	<b>State Notification:</b>
<b>FPN#:</b> E14442	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

The site of the spill is a demolished carpet mill. 300ft of storm drain flows underground on the mill property until it discharges into an unnamed tributary of Town Creek. The tributary flows for 0.5 miles before emptying into Town Creek. Town Creek Flows for approximately 1 mile before emptying into the Chattooga River.

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

150 Lyerly Street  
Summerville, GA

Chattooga County

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

An unknown amount of red diesel discharged to a storm drain on a demolished carpet mill property. The storm drain flows into an unnamed tributary of Town Creek. The tributary flows for 0.5 miles before emptying into Town Creek. Town Creek Flows for approximately 1 mile before emptying into the Chattooga River. This spill is a discharge to waters of the U.S.

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

On the evening of 05/12/2014 the Chattooga County EMA reported an uncontrolled release of an unknown amount of diesel fuel from a construction site into Town Creek. Local responders initiated temporary containment measures to prevent further migration of the spill down-stream. The source of the fuel is a 1000-gal above ground storage tank. R4 Duty Officer dispatched R2 and deployed ERRS on the morning of 05/13/2014 to further support GAEPD and local responders in recovery/mitigation efforts. An additional OSC was deployed to implement shoreline clean-up and assessment team (SCAT) team to detail the impact of the spill in Town Creek. Approximately 3-miles of creek may have been affected by the spill.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

ERRS crew working at the nearby Rome Powerhouse site checked boom points for collected oil periodically beginning on 05/16/2014. Any oil that had collected was removed manually and containerized in drums. Booms were removed from the creek on May 21, 2014. The underflow dam was removed on 05/22/2014 as flow was beginning to overtop and compromise the dam. On 5/28/2014 The staging area at the water

treatment plan was seeded and strawed and all equipment (boom and drummed waste) was removed from the site. On 06/06/2014 the drums of oily waste were transported to the disposal facility. On 06/18/2014 the vac box contained oily liquids was transported to the disposal facility.

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

- Build underflow dam
- Deploy boom
- Begin oil recovery
- Flush source pipe
- SCAT creek
- Complete oil recovery
- Remove countermeasures
- Restoration
- Disposal of generated waste

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

The carpet mill property owner is Christian Mortan of the company Dockery Group.

Dockery Group  
103 Guthrie way  
Peachtree City, GA 30269

Verbal access was granted to EPA by Mr. Mortan on 05/13/2014. Verbal access was witnessed by:

Pam Davenport - Chattooga County EMA  
Terry Tinney - City of Summerville  
Eddie Henderson - Chattooga County EMA

Hugh Galyean - GAEPD

#### 2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
oily water		2500 gal			treatment
oiled solids		12 drums			landfill

#### 2.2 Planning Section

##### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

###### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

No further response activities planned

###### 2.2.1.2 Next Steps

None

###### 2.2.2 Issues

#### 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

##### 3.1 Unified Command

EPA  
GA EPD

##### 3.2 Cooperating Agencies

EPA  
GA EPD  
GA DNR Fisheries  
City of summerville: ema, public works, fire, police  
Chattooga County Environmental Health

#### 4. Personnel On Site

OSC - 2  
ERRS - 4  
GAEPD - 1  
Fisheries - 1

## **5. Definition of Terms**

EPA - Environmental Protection Agency  
OSC - On- Scene Coordinator  
GA EPD - Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
NCP - National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan  
NRC - National Response Center  
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations  
RP - Responsible Party  
NOFI - Notice of Federal Interest  
EMA - Emergency Management Agency  
ERRS - Emergency Rapid Response Service  
OPA - Oil Pollution Act  
CWA - Clean Water Act  
FPN - Federal Project Number

## **6. Additional sources of information**

No information available at this time.

## **7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.