

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014
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Subject: Site Restoration/Off-Site Disposal of IDW
Metro Container Corporation
2nd & Price Street, Trainer, PA
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POLREP No.:	84	Site #:	032H
Reporting Period:	07/20/2014-07/26/2014	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	9/30/2013	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	9/30/2013	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	PAD044545895	Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

The Site is comprised of two tax parcels located south of the intersection of West 2nd Street and Price Street in the Borough of Trainer, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. For more than 100 years, the property has been used exclusively for industrial and commercial purposes, including the distillation of lubricating oil and paraffin wax, carbon disulfide manufacturing, and steel and fiber drum reconditioning. The parcels are currently owned by an entity that did not conduct the original operations at the Site and occupied by an entity involved in industrial painting. The Site is surrounded by a chain-link fence and covers an estimated 10.4 acres. Refer to POLREP #50 for more detailed background information.

A. The Metro Container Corporation Site was listed to the National Priorities List on March 15, 2012. See POLREP #50 for background information considered in the removal site evaluation leading to current removal actions.

B. The Site was the subject of a Removal Action initiated by EPA in June 1988 and completed by Potentially Responsible Parties pursuant to an EPA Order on Consent. The primary goals of the Removal Action were to address contaminated liquids pooled at the Site and migrating from the Site towards Stoney Creek alongside the Site and removal of thousands of drums containing residuals. The Removal Action was restarted in 1990 to address drums unearthed during investigations at the Site. The investigations were conducted in response to learning of drum burial activities during legal proceedings.

C. On August 26, 2013, EPA Region III approved an Action Memorandum for a Time-Critical Removal Action pursuant to Section 104(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), determining it is appropriate and necessary to mitigate threats posed by the release and threatened release of hazardous substances from the Site. A Removal Action ceiling of \$4,051,100, of which \$3,923,600 is from the Regional Removal Allowance, was approved by Region III. The Removal Action generally entails the elimination of migration pathways (buried pipes), removal of soils impacted by greater than 50 parts per million PCBs and high concentrations of NAPL, and threats posed by the historic crushed drum area. Actions will be consistent with future anticipated remedial actions and will contribute to the efficient performance of any future remedial action.

D. The Site includes multiple systems of underground pipes and other drainage systems. The pipes are of unknown purpose. Two of these pipes are known to have discharged unknown substances directly into Stoney Creek for unknown reasons. The removal of these systems which convey hazardous substances are the subject of the initial removal actions.

Current Activities

A. ERRS crew entered Tank #1 (251955) under a confined space entry permit after all free liquid was removed to conduct decontamination. Sediment in the tank bottom and minute quantities of rinse water

were collected and placed in the existing non-TSCA regulated soil stockpile for off-site disposal. Following decontamination, Tank #1 was demobilized. (Note: Tank #4 was demobilized during the previous reporting period.)

B. Disposal of non-TSCA regulated soils was completed this week: A total of 16 loads of non-TSCA regulated soils with an estimated weight of 374 tons were disposed of at the Conestoga Landfill located in Morgantown, Pennsylvania this week.

- On 7/22/14, five truckloads with an estimated weight of 110 tons were hauled out for off-site disposal.
 - On 7/23/14, six truckloads with an estimated weight of 132 tons were taken off-site for disposal.
 - On 7/24/14, six truckloads with an estimated weight of 132 tons were taken for offsite disposal.
- Final disposal of all stockpiled non-TSCA regulated soil generated as part of the action to date has been completed.

C. Fifty-six (56) tractor trailer tires and 25 car/light truck tires that were excavated in the northern portion of the Site during previous activities were transported under a bill of lading to Emanuel Tire Corporation of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania by Smith Tire Hauling of Levittown, Pennsylvania. The estimated weight of the tires was 1.8 tons.

D. ERRS continued to import loads of modified stone onto the Site for the final grading and cover placement.

E. ERRS decontaminated the large excavator and loader in preparation of the demobilization of this equipment.

F. Air monitoring was conducted adjacent to operations for particulates, volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, lower explosive limit, and oxygen percentage. The monitoring was conducted to ensure worker safety.

Next Steps

- A. Dispose of drummed material removed from the Grid 30 UST.
- B. Dispose of possible ACM (Galbestos) staged in roll-off containers.
- C. Decontaminate and demobilize heavy machinery used for waste removal, but no longer needed for final Site grading activities.
- D. Complete final backfill and grading operations.

Disposition of Wastes

Waste Stream	Quantity	Manifest #	Disposal Facility
Non-RCRA, non-DOT-regulated material (soil)	6,425.02 tons (estimated)	Various (289 shipments)	Republic Conestoga Landfill, Morgantown, Pennsylvania
Non-RCRA, non-DOT-regulated material (debris)	712.73 tons (estimated)	Various (30 shipments)	Republic Conestoga Landfill, Morgantown, Pennsylvania
TSCA-regulated PCB remediation waste	4,184.34 tons (actual)	Various (175 shipments)	Heritage Environmental Services Landfill, Roachdale, Indiana
Non-hazardous liquid waste (purged ground water)	68.002 gallons (estimated)	Various (12 shipments)	Environmental Recovery Corporation, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Liquid waste (purged ground water, PCBs 4.1 ppb)	15,542 gallons (estimated)	Various (3 shipments)	Environmental Recovery Corporation, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Suspect non-friable ACM (transite pipe)	15 tons (estimated)	1 shipment (MCS-ASB-0001)	Republic Conestoga Landfill, Morgantown, Pennsylvania