

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
ALRECO Metals - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** POLREP #2  
Progress  
ALRECO Metals  
C52N  
Benton Harbor, MI  
Latitude: 42.1389684 Longitude: -86.4362357

**To:**  
**From:** Elizabeth Nightingale, OSC  
**Date:** 11/24/2014  
**Reporting Period:** 11/17/14 - 11/21/14

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	C52N	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	8/8/2014
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<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>	11/10/2014	<b>Start Date:</b>	11/10/2014
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	MIN000504648	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	Yes
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

Time Critical Removal Action

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

See initial POLREP.

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

See initial POLREP.

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

See initial POLREP.

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

See initial POLREP.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

Over the week beginning the November 17, 2014 work focused primarily on the following activities:

- Continuing to implement air monitoring and site security plans
- Continuing to collect containers and staging them in staging area
- Continuing to consolidate dross/smeltering waste from across the site, and decontaminate foundations
- Continuing to sort non-conforming debris from large dross/smeltering waste piles and shaping piles
- Collecting waste characterization samples from sections 2 and 3 (southern section) of the large aluminum waste pile
- Initiating repackaging bag house dust waste into shippable containers for disposal

**Air Monitoring:**

Every day that cleanup activity work will be ongoing, air monitoring will be conducted to ensure public and worker safety. Chemical hazards due to fugitive emissions from removal activities are anticipated to be low since the ERRS contractor will employ administrative and engineering controls to minimize fugitive emissions and particulates that migrate off-site.

Meteorological data will be obtained daily from the NWS website that provides current weather conditions and documented in the site logbook.

**Particulate Air Monitoring:**

*Perimeter:*

Datarams (DR4) are deployed daily at four fixed locations in each direction along the site perimeter boundaries where off-site receptors are most at risk to exposure from fugitive emissions (figure forthcoming soon). Real-time PM-10 particulate data is transmitted back to the site command post where it is monitored continuously.

A website has been established to view the current and past perimeter air monitoring data for the site. To view the data go to the web address: [vipr.ert.org](http://vipr.ert.org). You have to create a login on your first visit to the site. Once logged in, go to the R05 ALRECO Metals Deployment to view site data. Currently data from 2 of the 4 particulate meters are available online via VIPER.

The perimeter action level for PM-10 particulates has been set at 150 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m3). Should a DR4 unit detect sustained particulate concentrations greater than 150 µg/m3, the source of emissions will be investigated, and administrative and/or engineering controls will be initiated to reduce the particulate emissions.

One personal data ram (PDR) particulate air monitor will be deployed in the work zone during the removal action. The particulate monitor will data-log instantaneous and time weighted average (TWA) particulate concentrations during active operations. Data logs will be downloaded and stored.

The particulate action level within the work zone has been established as 2.0 mg/m3 for the respirable fraction of total particulates. This is a Site specific action level based on a calculation of airborne dust concentration. The crew will implement appropriate engineering control measures if an exceedance of the established action level is sustained for more than 60 seconds. Action level exceedances will be managed by setting the monitor to alarm at the established action level to notify on-site personnel.

During the week of November 17, 2014, occasional exceedances of the perimeter action level of several seconds in duration were detected. Engineering controls were utilized to reduce these. No exceedances of the work zone particulate action level Metals were recorded.

**MultiGas Air Monitoring:**

RAE Systems, Inc. AreaRAE multi-gas monitors are being deployed at the container staging area and at 3 perimeter locations (figure forthcoming soon). The AreaRAE multi-gas monitors will be used to monitor ammonia in parts per million (ppm), hydrogen sulfide (ppm), VOCs (ppm), and percent lower explosive limit (LEL). Real-time multigas data are transmitted back to the site command post where they are monitored continuously. These data are also available real time through the VIPER system described above.

The perimeter action levels are as follows: ·

- Ammonia = 10 ppm
- Hydrogen Sulfide = 10 ppm
- PM10 particulates = 150 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m3)
- LEL = >5%
- VOCs > 5 ppm

Work zone air monitoring results are being compared with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) 10-hour recommended exposure limit (REL) or the OSHA 8-hour time-weighted average (TWA) PEL, whichever is more restrictive.

A MultiRAE Plus 5-gas monitor (loaded with sensors for detection of oxygen, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, LEL, and VOCs) will also be used to periodically spot check AreaRAE data.

During the week of November 17, 2014, no exceedances of the perimeter or work zone multigas action levels were recorded.

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

General notice letters were issued to current and former owners of the property. Investigation is ongoing.

**2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

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

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## 2.2 Planning Section

### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

#### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Planned removal activities on-site include:

- a) Developing and implementing a site-specific Health and Safety Plan, including an Air Monitoring Plan, and a site Emergency Contingency Plan;
- b) Developing and implementing a Site Work Plan that includes a Site Security Plan;
- c) Securing, characterizing, and sampling known and suspected hazardous substances, including containers of liquid, baghouse dust, aluminum dross/ash waste piles, at the site;
- d) Consolidating and packaging hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants, including containers of liquid, baghouse dust, aluminum dross/ash waste piles for transportation and off-site disposal;
- e) Decontaminating contaminated structures (primarily foundations) as necessary;
- f) Transporting and disposing of all characterized or identified hazardous substances, pollutants, wastes, or contaminants that pose a substantial threat of release at a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act/CERCLA-approved disposal facility in accordance with EPA's Off-site Rule (40 C.F.R. § 300.440), as applicable; and
- g) Taking any other response actions to address any release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant and contaminant that the U.S. EPA OSC determines may pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or the environment.

#### 2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Next week, planned work will continue to gather and stage containers within the staging area; consolidate dross/waste from across the site; sort non-conforming debris from large dross/waste piles and shape piles; and repackage baghouse dust into intact bags.

### 2.2.2 Issues

## 2.3 Logistics Section

ERRS is managing site logistics.

## 2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

## 2.5 Other Command Staff

### 2.5.1 Safety Officer

OSC is serving in this role.

### 2.5.2 Liaison Officer

OSC is serving in this role.

### 2.5.3 Information Officer

OSC is serving in this role.

## 3. Participating Entities

### 3.1 Unified Command

n/a

### 3.2 Cooperating Agencies

MDEQ

## 4. Personnel On Site

11/17/14:

EPA: 1  
START: 1  
ERRS: 8

11/18/14:

EPA: 1  
START: 1  
ERRS: 8

11/19/14:

EPA: 1  
START: 1  
ERRS: 8

11/20/14:  
EPA: 1  
START: 1  
ERRS: 8  
MDEQ: 1

11/21/14:  
EPA: 1  
START: 1  
ERRS: 8

## 5. Definition of Terms

ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
BZ	Breathing Zone
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CERCLIS	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERNS	Emergency Response Notification System
ERRS	Emergency and Rapid Response Service
MDEQ	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPL	National Priorities List
NRC	National Response Center
OSC	On Scene Coordinator
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPM	Parts per million
RCRIS	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Information System
RP	Responsible Party
RRT	Regional Response Team
START	Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team
ug/m3	micrograms per cubic meter
US FWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USCG	United States Coast Guard
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

## 6. Additional sources of information

### 6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

[www.epaossc.net/alreco](http://www.epaossc.net/alreco)

and

[viper.ert.org](http://viper.ert.org). Once logged in, go to the R05 ALRECO deployment to view site data.

### 6.2 Reporting Schedule

POLREPs will be issued weekly over the course of the removal action.

## 7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.