

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III  
POLLUTION REPORT**

**Date:** Monday, February 28, 2005

**From:** Charlie Fitzsimmons

**Subject:** Cardozo HS Hg Spill  
Cardozo H.S. Hg Spill  
1300 Clifton St., Washington, DC  
Latitude: 38.9219000  
Longitude: -77.0283000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	3	<b>Site #:</b>	A3DP
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	02/26 thru 02/28	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	2/23/2005	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	2/23/2005	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Demob Date:</b>	2/27/2005	<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>	2/27/2005	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>		<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

**Site Description**

Refer to Special Bulletin/Polreps 1 and 2.

**Current Activities**

EPA and contractors continued work around the clock in attempt to allow for reoccupancy on Monday, 02/28/2005. After 8 to 10 cleanings, Lumex results began to show consistent readings below the goal of 1ug/m3.

On 02/26/2005 a Final Clearance Sampling Plan was forwarded to DCDOH for their review. DCDOH provided approval after requesting that a sample location be added for a day care in the basement. EPA agreed.

Ten sample locations were set up with low volume samplers for a 6.5 hour run thru the night and morning of 02/25 and 02/26. Samples were driven to lab in Middletown, Pa on 2/26/2005.

Results were returned later in the evening on 02/26/2005. All samples results were well below the cleanup goal of 1ug/m3.

EPA OSC notified both DcDOH and the school officials.

On 02/26/2005 the OSC manifested 20 drums containing mercury contaminated debris to Cycle Chem for disposal/retort.

On 02/26/2005 in the evening, EPA was requested by DcDOH, to scan a residential location determined to be the home of the spiller. This request followed DcDOH's total screening of the home. No residual mercury was detected.

On 02/27/2005 EPA participated in a press conference with DcDOH, school officials and MPD to announce the reopening of the school for 02/28/2005.

**Planned Removal Actions**

None

**Next Steps**

Final documentation and cost reports.

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