

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

Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2005
From: Randy Rice

Subject: Polrep #2
Cobb's Custom Chroming
37-41 Perkins Street, Bangor, ME
Latitude: 44.8003000
Longitude: -68.7953000

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	01CG
Reporting Period:	03/05/2005 - 03/22/2005	D.O. #:	0035
Start Date:	2/25/2005	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	3/7/2005	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	MEN00103680	Contract #	68-W-03--037
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

The Site consists of a two-story cinder block constructed structure with an apartment on the 2nd floor (main building) and a garage on a 0.4 acre parcel of land. The Site operated as a legally grandfathered chrome plating and stripping business in a residentially zoned area. The closest house is 40-50 feet from the rear of the building. The business failed and there are abandoned vats, drums and hazardous substances. The facility remains inactive, and without fire protection. The property is not fenced and is accessible to the public.

Current Activities

On March 7, 2005 EPA's START and ERRS contractors mobilized to Bangor, Maine. On March 8 the ERRS contractor began staging the waste from the facility for subsequent shipment and disposal. This work continued until they demobilized on March 19, 2005. Initially the smaller containers of miscellaneous shop chemicals and waste (50 lbs or less and 5 gallons or smaller) were staged for lab packing. Once those were cleared away, vats were cleaned of their contents and drums were over-packed. The liquid in the vats were pumped into drums and sludge was packed into open top drums and cubic yard containers. Each of the vats received a final cleaning. Floors were cleaned of visible liquids and solids and these wastes were packaged for disposal.

The ERRS contractor has collected representative samples of vat and drum materials for analysis. The results of these analyses are for transportation and disposal planning which is on-going.

Planned Removal Actions

Dispose of packaged and staged waste.

The owner of the facility is coordinating the removal of the the empty vats. However, if he is not successful, EPA may dispose of the vats.

Next Steps

1. Dispose of waste.
2. Monitor owners' actions.

Key Issues

The facility remains unheated and the roof leaks significantly.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				

ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$180,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$144,000.00	80.00%
RST/START	\$60,000.00	\$11,150.00	\$48,850.00	81.42%
Intramural Costs				
USEPA - Direct (Region, HQ)	\$60,000.00	\$8,800.00	\$51,200.00	85.33%
USEPA - InDirect	\$94,530.00	\$17,630.00	\$76,900.00	81.35%
Total Site Costs				
	\$394,530.00	\$73,580.00	\$320,950.00	81.35%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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