United States Environmental Protection Agency Region IV POLLUTION REPORT

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From: Terry Stilman

Subject: Intial POLREP Emergency Response

Formost Fertilizer

900 Thomas Ave, Leesburg, FL

POLREP No.: 1 Site #: **Reporting Period:** 3/18/05 to 3/25/05 **D.O.** #:

Start Date:Response Authority:CERCLAMob Date:3/18/2005Response Type:EmergencyDemob Date:NPL Status:Non NPL

Completion Date: Incident Category: Removal Assessment

CERCLIS ID #: Contract #

RCRIS ID #:

Site Description

On March 16, 2005 FDEP conducted a site inspection at the Foremost Fertilizer. The inspection was initiated from a NRC fax, which indicated drums leaking on the ground. FDEP observed approximately one hundred twenty, 55-gallon drums and approximately fifty, 30-gallon drums. Many of the drums were found to be rusted, leaking, and bulging. A thick black liquid had also been released from the containers and had pooled at one end of the drums.

The facility indicated the drums contained coal tar. OSC Stilman was dispatched to the scene.

Current Activities

OSC Stilman arrived on-scene to assess the situation. The drums were found inside of a fenced area, at this active facility. The drums also appeared to be in their present location for some time.

Planned Removal Actions

FDEP conducted sampling of the drums on 3/24/05. FDEP is working on removal of the drums with the facility owner.

Next Steps

EPA actions to be based on the results of the FDEP sampling and the potential for FDEP directed drum removal.

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