

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Transportation Drive PCB - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region III

Subject: POLREP #7
Progress Update
Transportation Drive PCB

Hazle Township, PA
Latitude: 40.9335290 Longitude: -75.9986590

To:
From: Dominic Ventura, On Scene Coordinator
Date: 9/14/2015
Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A3XW	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:		Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:		Start Date:	
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.2 Site Description

The Transportation Drive PCB site is located in a commercial area of Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The majority of the site is currently owned by Walp Trucking Incorporated, who operates a trucking dispatch and service center. An unused portion of the site is also owned by Consolidated Lands, Incorporated. Prior to 1983 the site was reportedly the location of a facility that scraped electrical equipment including transformers and large capacitors.

EPA's TSCA program referred the site to EPA's Removal Program in April 2014 reporting that the property owner excavated a drainage ditch and uncovered several PCB large capacitors. Site assessment activities conducted at the site in May and June 2014 revealed electric equipment related scrap on the ground around the perimeter of the site and PCB concentrations that exceed the Toxic Substances and Control Act (TSCA) action level of 50 mg/kg. The maximum concentrations of PCBs detected in a soil sample was 210,000 mg/kg.

The OSC issued Special Bulletin A and Polrep 1 for the site on November 14, 2014 to take actions to secure the site while additional assessment was conducted. An Action Memorandum was signed on June 26, 2015 authorizing a Removal Action to mitigate the threat posed by PCB electrical equipment and PCB contaminated soil and debris at the site. Personnel and equipment were mobilized to the site on August 11, 2015 to begin site work.

Please see **previous Polrep's** for additional background information.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Current Activities

A large portion of the site is owned buy Consolidated Lands, Incorporated. At this time, Consolidated Lands has not given EPA access to the portion of the site that it owns. Therefore, EPA has had to adjust plans to conduct Removal activities to actions only on the Walp trucking owned portion of the property. This has resulted in a limited area in which soil can be stockpiled. The OSC has decided to delay remobilization of personnel to the site until disposal arrangements can be made for the soil that has already been excavated and stockpiled on site. It is expected that personnel and equipment will mobilize back to the site during the week of September 21, 2015.

EPA received analytical results for samples collected from the parking lot area of the site. To date, approximately 30 surface soils samples and 17 subsurface samples were collected from the parking lot area. A total of 27 surface samples contained PCBs at greater than 1 mg/kg. The highest concentration detected in surface soils was 18,000 mg/kg. Subsurface samples were collected at three different intervals ranging from 12 to 30 inches below ground surface. A total of 6 subsurface samples contained PCBs at greater than 1 mg/kg. The highest concentration detected in the subsurface was 3,500 mg/kg at 18-24" below the surface. Five of subsurface samples contained PCBs at greater than 1 mg/kg and less than 25 mg/kg. Due to the widespread contamination in the parking lot area, significant excavation will be required. The highest concentrations were found on the southern portion of the parking lot. The OSC has discussed these results with Walp Trucking and has requested that Walp Trucking employees not use this portion of the property until removal activities are completed.

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Next Steps

EPA will continue Removal activities at the site.

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

No information available at this time.

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.