

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Hard Chrome Plating Site - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** POLREP #4  
Progress  
Hard Chrome Plating Site  
  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Latitude: 42.9356380 Longitude: -85.6435440

**To:**

**From:** Elizabeth Nightingale, OSC and Jeff Lippert, OSC

**Date:** 1/11/2016

**Reporting Period:** 12/21/15-1/8/16

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	C57Z	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	10/5/2015
<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>	11/30/2015	<b>Start Date:</b>	11/30/2015
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	MIN000505853	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

Time Critical Removal Action

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

The site is a former chemical plating facility, currently owned by the Kent County Land Bank. When the property tax reverted, historically accumulated plating wastes were abandoned in the building, and discovered by the Land Bank.

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

The site is located at 1516 Blaine Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan 49507. The site totals approximately 1/4 acre, and contains a one story industrial building and an open lot. The site was recently occupied by the Hard Chrome Plating and HCP Finishing LLC companies, and tax reverted to the Kent County Land Bank in 2014.

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

See POLREP 1.

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

See POLREP 1.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

#### 2.1.2.1 Actions During Reporting Period

Over the reporting period, work focused primarily on the following activities:

- Continuing to implement air monitoring program
- Continuing to clear debris from within the building and decontaminate building floors.
- Continuing work to stage containers, sample containers and categorize container contents. To date, 98 55 gallon drums, 17 vats and sumps, and approximately 67 5 gallon containers have been sampled and staged, as well as approximated 87 containers less than 5 gallons in size. Categorization of these samples was completed this week. Incompatible materials are being physically segregated as they are identified.
- Began work to remove liquids and solids from vats, and dismantle vats. To date, 6 vats have been evacuated and fully or partially dismantled.

#### 2.1.2.2 Air Monitoring

Every day that cleanup activity work will be ongoing, air monitoring will be conducted to ensure public and worker safety. Please see the air monitoring plan and POLREP 2 for details.

A website has been established to view the current and past 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 Hard Chrome Metals Deployment to view site data.

#### Particulate Air Monitoring:

Over the reporting period, no exceedances of the perimeter or work zone action levels (calculated as work day averages) for particulates were detected.

#### MultiGas Air Monitoring:

Over the reporting period, no exceedances of the perimeter or work zone action levels were detected.

#### Hydrochloric Acid Monitoring

Over the reporting period, no exceedances of the perimeter or work zone action levels were detected.

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

General notice letters were issued to 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>
Solid	Non-Hazardous Debris	8 Tons	n/a		x
Solid	Mixed Recyclables	4 bags			x (recycling)

### 2.2 Planning Section

#### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

##### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

See POLREP 1.

##### 2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Over the next week, we will continue work to evacuate and dismantle vats, categorize wastes, decontaminate building floors and removal and stage air filtration infrastructure for disposal. We also plan to make up bulk lab samples and submit to analytical lab for analysis as necessary for disposal profiling.

- Security will be on site during non working hours and during the break.

#### 2.2.2 Issues

None at this time.

### 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

### 3.2 Cooperating Agencies

Kent County Land Bank  
MDEQ

## 4. Personnel On Site

12/21/15 -12/22/15

EPA: 1  
START: 1  
ERRS: 7  
USCG AST: 0

1/4/16-1/6/16

EPA: 1  
START: 1  
ERRS: 7  
USCG AST: 3

1/7/16

EPA: 2  
START: 1  
ERRS: 7  
USCG AST: 3

1/8/16

EPA: 1  
START: 1  
ERRS: 7  
USCG AST: 3

## 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
mg/m3	milligrams per cubic meter
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	
AST	United States Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

## **6. Additional sources of information**

### **6.1 Internet location of additional information/report**

[www.epaosc.net/hardchromeplating](http://www.epaosc.net/hardchromeplating)

and

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

### **6.2 Reporting Schedule**

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

## **7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.