

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Spencer Drum - Removal Polrep
Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region V

Subject: POLREP #2
Final
Spencer Drum
C58F
Spencer, WI
Latitude: 44.7514080 Longitude: -90.2956030

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Reporting Period: 12/4/2016-1/13/2016

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	C58F	Contract Number:	EP-S5-08-02
D.O. Number:	162	Action Memo Date:	10/15/2015
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	11/30/2015	Start Date:	11/30/2015
Demob Date:	1/6/2016	Completion Date:	1/13/2016
CERCLIS ID:	WIN000506078	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	20150623WC37-1
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Time critical removal action.

1.1.2 Site Description

The Spencer Drum Site is an approximately 17,000 square foot warehouse located in a mixed residential and commercial area in Spencer, Marathon County, WI. The building contains two rooms, a larger room to the north and a much smaller room to the south. The larger room was operated as a mechanic shop from 2012 until December 2014 when the owner suddenly passed away. Prior to 2012, the entire warehouse housed a liquidation company and retail shop, Don Smith Sales. The smaller of the two rooms in the warehouse contained approximately 90 unlabeled drums that were in extremely poor condition. Many of the drums were leaking and some were bulging.

1.1.2.1 Location

The Site is located at 408 E. Willow Drive, Spencer, Marathon County, WI 54479 (Parcels 181-2602-082-9915 and 181-2602-082-9906) in a mixed residential and commercial area. The geographic coordinates for the Site are Latitude: 44.752219, Longitude: -90.296194. Commercial properties neighbor the Site to the north and the east. The Spencer Area Fire Department station borders the Site to the South. A residential neighborhood borders the Site to the west.

The closest residence is located approximately 200 feet to the west of the property. A municipal water tower is approximately 100 feet to the northwest of the warehouse.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Approximately 90 drums of unknown contents were being stored improperly at the Site. Many of the drums were failing and already leaking their contents onto the floor. In addition to leaking drums, there were also bulging drums at the Site. Hazardous characteristics of stored materials was confirmed by EPA and local fire officials. These materials are defined as hazardous substances in 40 CFR §302.4 and hazardous waste in 40 CFR §261.24.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

See Initial POLREP for this information.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Response Actions to Date

See Initial POLREP for information regarding first mobilization (11/30/15-12/3/15).

During this reporting period (12/4/15-1/13/15), the following activities occurred:

- Analyzed waste disposal samples;
- Obtained bids for disposal and selected CERCLA approved disposal facilities;
- Established waste profiles;
- Remobilized ERRS, START, and EPA personnel and equipment to Site;
- Repackaged sludges and solid waste for shipment;
- Prepared RCRA empty drums for disposal;
- Cleaned and assessed floor under spilled drums;
- Transported waste for off-site disposal;
- Conducted air monitoring in accordance with the air monitoring plan; and
- Demobilized crew and equipment.

2.1.2 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

EPA sent General Notice of Liability letters to the property owner and Don Smith. Neither PRP was able to conduct the necessary removal action.

2.1.3 Progress Metrics

Waste Stream	Quantity	Manifest #	Disposal
Bulked Neutral Liquids	1250 Gallons	015201044JJK	SET Environmental Houston, TX
Combustible Liquids	165 Gallons	015201044JJK	SET Environmental Houston, TX
Bulked Neutral Sludges & Solids	7.1 Tons	124158WI	WM Valley Trail Landfill Berlin, WI
RCRA Empty Drums & Debris	5 Tons	124157WI	WM Valley Trail Landfill Berlin, WI

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Planned Response Activities & Next Steps

No additional actions are planned. This response is complete.

2.2.2 Issues

No issues to report.

2.3 Logistics Section

The Spencer Fire Department provided logistical support for the removal action.

2.4 Finance Section

ERRS: Environmental Quality Management (and Veolia)

START: Tetra Tech

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$100,000.00	\$41,831.00	\$58,169.00	58.17%
TAT/START	\$20,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$9,500.00	47.50%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$120,000.00	\$52,331.00	\$67,669.00	56.39%

* 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.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

No safety incidents during this reporting period.

2.5.2 Liaison Officer

EPA OSC Halbur was the Liaison Officer for this removal action. The Spencer Fire Chief, representatives from the Wausau HazMat Team and WDNR, and the property owner visited the Site during this reporting period.

2.5.3 Information Officer

EPA OSC Halbur is the Information Officer for this removal action.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Cooperating Agencies

Marathon County Emergency Management
Spencer Fire Department
Wausau Fire Department
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Wisconsin Emergency Management

4. Personnel On Site

EPA: 1

ERRS: 4

START: 1

5. Definition of Terms

CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
ERRS: Emergency and Rapid Response Services
OSC: On-Scene Coordinator
PRP: Potentially Responsible Party
START: Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team
VOC: Volatile Organic Compound
WDNR: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
WEM: Wisconsin Emergency Management

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

The Administrative Record is available at the Spencer Village Hall, 105 Park St., Spencer, WI 54479.

Additional information about the removal is available at www.epaosc.org/spencerdrum.

6.2 Reporting Schedule

This is the Final POLREP.

7. Situational Reference Materials

Regional Metrics

	Miles of river systems cleaned and/or restored	NA
	Cubic yards of contaminated sediments removed and/or capped	NA
This is an Integrated River Assessment. The numbers should overlap.	Gallons of oil/water recovered	NA
	Acres of soil/sediment cleaned up in floodplains and riverbanks	NA
Stand Alone Assessment	Number of contaminated residential yards cleaned up	0
	Number of workers on site	8
Contaminant(s) of Concern	Flammable and corrosive materials; abandoned drums	

Oil Response Tracking

Estimated volume	Initial amount released	NA
	Final amount collected	NA
	FPN Ceiling Amount	NA
CANAPS Info	FPN Number	NA
	Body of Water affected	NA

Administrative and Logistical Factors (Place X where applicable)

	Precedent-Setting HQ Consultations (e.g., fracking, asbestos)	Community challenges or high involvement	Radiological
X	More than one PRP	Endangered Species Act / Essential Fish Habitat issues	Explosives
	AOC	Historic preservation issues	Residential impacts
	UAO	NPL site	Relocation
	DOJ involved	Remote location	Drinking water impacted
	Criminal Investigation Division involved	X Extreme weather or abnormal field season	Environmental justice
	Tribal consultation or coordination or other issues	Congressional involvement	High media interest
	Statutory Exemption for \$2 Million	Statutory Exemption for 1 Year	Active fire present
X	Hazmat Entry Conducted – Level A, B or C	Incident or Unified Command established	Actual air release (not threatened)
	CID confirms Criminal Charges Have Been Filed		

Green Metrics

Metric	Amount	Units
Diesel Fuel Used	80	gallons
Unleaded Fuel Used	343	gallons
Alternative/E-85 Fuel Used	0	gallons
Electricity from electric company	PRP provided power	kWh
Electric Company Name and Account #	PRP provided power	
Electricity from sources other than the electric company	0	kWh
Solid waste reused (corn cob)	1,700	pounds

Solid waste recycled

0

pounds

Water Used

60

gallons

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