

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



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region V

Subject: POLREP #6
Progress
Hard Chrome Plating Site

Grand Rapids, MI
Latitude: 42.9356380 Longitude: -85.6435440

To:
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Date: 1/22/2016
Reporting Period: 1/18/16-1/22/16

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

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

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. Non-hazardous debris is being consolidated in rolloff boxes. Sweepings are consolidated in cubic yard boxes for disposal.
- Continuing to remove liquids and solids from vats, and dismantle vats. To date, 7 vats have been evacuated and fully or partially dismantled. Evacuation of vats is approximately 70% complete. The entire nickel plating line has been dismantled, vats evacuated and staged for disposal/recycling. We are in the process of evacuating vats in the chrome plating line. After the vats are evacuated, we are removing them from their locations where they are inset into the facility floor. 4 of these vats are very large, and removal from the floor inset areas is challenging due to the vat sizes and space limitations within the facility. After being evacuated, Vat 1 from the chrome plating line was successfully removed from the floor inset during this reporting period.
- Collected composite samples for each waste stream to create waste profiles for disposal
- Cleared snow as necessary

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. 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 verified.

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)
Solid	Non-Hazardous Debris	60 cubic yards	n/a		x

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, remove from floor insets and dismantle vats; decontaminate building and floors; and remove and stage air filtration infrastructure for disposal. As storage space within the building is becoming limited, we plan to move in a conex box for storage of some containers that have been staged for disposal. We also plan to demobe the hazcat trailer over the next reporting period.

- 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

1/18/16

No work on site during MLK holiday

1/19/16-1/20/16

EPA: 2
START: 1
ERRS: 6
USCG AST: 2

1/21/16
EPA: 3
START: 1
ERRS: 7
USCG AST: 2

1/22/16

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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	United States Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team
AST	
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

www.epaossc.net/hardchromeplating

and

vipser.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.