

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Friday, April 15, 2005

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Subject: Westwood Chemical
46 Tower Road, Middletown, NY
Latitude: 41.4687500
Longitude: -74.3772800

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	WN
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	13
Start Date:	3/3/2005	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	3/8/2005	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	EP-W-04-055
RCRIS ID #:	NYD072715052		

Site Description

See [PolRep No.1](#)

Clarification of POLREP #1

Note 1: Pollution Report No.1 stated that the Westwood Chemical Corp. bankruptcy had been filed in late 2004. However, an involuntary petition in chapter 7 was filed against Westwood Chemical Corp. on January 28, 2005, and a voluntary petition in chapter 7 was subsequently filed on February 11, 2005. By order dated April 11, 2005, the bankruptcy court consolidated these cases for purposes of administration.

Note 2: Westwood Chemical Corp. had apparently routinely used 46 Tower Road, Middletown, NY 10941 as their mailing address. However, the location of their facility is at 146 Tower Road, Middletown, NY 10941.

Current Activities

April 2nd through April 15th, 2005

EPA, through its Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor continued the process of [transferring the contents of the totes \(intermediate bulk storage containers\)](#) into large bulk storage containers. The totes are in poor condition and transfer is necessary to prevent releases and to permit subsequent transfer of the liquid contents into tanker trucks for shipment for disposal. Due to questions of structural integrity of the on-site large bulk containers, two "baker tanks," each of 20,000-gallon capacity, have been brought to the site for the bulking of the contents of the totes. As of Friday April 15th, 2005, [approximately 75% of the totes have been bulked](#), totaling approximately 86,000 gallons.

During the week of April 4th, 2005, a site Health and Safety Audit was conducted by EPA and ERRS personnel and the Site Health and Safety Plan (HASP) was finalized. Until the HASP had been finalized, Site cleanup personnel had been operating under an emergency response health and safety plan.

On April 15th, 2005 an Action Memorandum approving a ceiling increase for the continued response to the Westwood Chemical Corporation Site was signed. The new project ceiling is \$1,950,000.

Next Steps

- The continued bulking of wastewater from tanks.

- The transport and disposal of wastewater transferred into on-site large bulk containers and baker tanks.
- Lab packing of small containers.
- The number of cleanup personnel will be increased to accommodate the lab-packing operation.

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