

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2005

From: Craig Benson

Subject: Continuation of Action

Palomar Plating Co.

722 W. Fourth Ave., Escondido, CA

Latitude: 33.1147000

Longitude: -117.0883000

POLREP No.:	4	Site #:	09MT
Reporting Period:	3/18/05 - 5/4/05	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	2/16/2005	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	2/16/2005	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	CAD981388101	Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

See POLREP No. 1

Formal EPA involvement with Palomar began on February 16, 2005 with the issuance of a general notice of CERCLA liability to the property owner and oversight of property owner funded immediate stabilization activities. PRP funded activities continue under the terms of a CERCLA 106 Order.

Current Activities

POLREP No. 1 documents site activities from 2/16/05 - 3/3/05.

POLREP No. 2 documents site activities from 3/4/05 - 3/11/05.

POLREP No. 3 documents site activities from 3/12/05 - 3/17/05.

Enviroserv (under contract to the property owner) completed Phase I removal activities on 3/16/05.

3/22/05:

First tier data from the 3/15/05 EPA/START sampling event was provided to SCS Engineers (SCS). The draft START report entitled "Review of California Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Diego Region Documents for the Palomar Plating Company, Escondido, California" was also submitted to SCS. The objective of these submittals was to furnish the PRPs Phase II planning consultant with data that to assist with better defining the constituents of interest for the Phase II subsurface and building material contaminant evaluation.

3/28/05:

The second and final tier of 3/15/05 EPA/START sampling data was submitted to SCS.

4/8/05:

SCS submitted a partial draft of the Phase II Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP).

4/11/05 - 4/13/05:

Sometime in this period, vandals broke into buildings on-site, broke windows, cut locks, knocked holes in sheetrock walls and threw furniture, filing cabinets and misc. items around. No items were reported missing. All four buildings were accessed. The PRP hired a local locksmith company and all building entryways and gates were re-secured by 4/15/05. Local FD and PD were notified.

4/26/05:

SCS submitted a completed draft Phase II SAP for review.

5/4/05:

SCS Phase II SAP approved by OSC Benson. The SAP, together with the SAP Addendum, are fully incorporated into and enforceable under UAO 9-2005-0010.

Planned Removal Actions

Phase II SAP implementation expected during the week of May 9, 2005. SAP implementation is to be immediately followed by the removal of impacted soils and building materials delineated by the resultant data.

Next Steps

- A. Mobilization for Phase II sampling.
- B. Receipt of Phase I (Enviroserv) reports.
- C. Approve end-user for decontaminated equipment and/or remove for scrap value.

Key Issues

All Phase I activities were in compliance with EPA procedures for planning and implementing off-Site Response Actions established at 40 C.F.R. § 300.440.

The RWQCB will continue to oversee the chronic deep soil and groundwater response as it determines is necessary.

Disposition of Wastes

A running record of project wastestreams, shipment dates and receiving facilities is provided in the documents link at www.epaosc.net/palomar.

response.epa.gov/palomar