

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Mystery Touhy Avenue Tote Response - Removal Polrep  
Initial and Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** POLREP #1  
Mystery Touhy Avenue Tote Response  
Des Plaines, IL  
Latitude: 42.0073548 Longitude: -87.9287654

**To:**  
**From:** James Mitchell, OSC  
**Date:** 2/25/2016  
**Reporting Period:** 2/25/2016

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>		<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	
<b>Response Authority:</b>	OPA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<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>	2/25/2016	<b>Start Date:</b>	2/25/2016
<b>Demob Date:</b>	2/25/2016	<b>Completion Date:</b>	2/25/2016
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>		<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>	E16512	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

Des Plaines Fire Department responded to a incident involving a 275 gallon tote filled with waste oil fall off a flatbed truck onto Touhy Avenue in Des Plaines, Illinois. Waste Oil from the tote impacted approximately 1000 square feet of roadway causing traffic delays. The Fire Department covered the road with sand and requested assistance for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Mark Retzlaff from the IEPA responded and requested assistance from U.S. EPA Region 5 to stabilize, remove and dispose of the the tote and cleanup waste oil from impacted areas on Touhy Avenue.

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

301 West Touhy Avenue, Des Plaines Illinois.

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Waste oil pooled on the roadway with potential to migrate to storm sewer.

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

Stabilize tote and remove oil from impacted areas.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

See above

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

Stabilized tote. Removed oil from roadway.

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

The tote has no visible markings to locate owner.

#### 2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

### 2.2 Planning Section

#### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Provide proper disposal of waste oil and contaminated material as a result of the cleanup.

##### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Environmental Restoration removed oil impacted sand from the roadway with brooms and shovels and placed it into 55 gallon drums. A couple of iterations of oil dry was placed onto the roadway to remove as much residual oil as possible. This material was again swept up and placed into 55 gallon drums. The tote was stabilized and removed from the roadway and will be disposed.

##### 2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Provide proper disposal of waste oil and contaminated material as a result of the cleanup. Samples have been collected from the tote and contaminated material and analyzed for the following; used oil parameters; PCBs, flash, EOX/Chlorine, and arsenic, cadmium, chromium, and lead.

#### 2.2.2 Issues

None

### 2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

### 2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

### 2.5 Other Command Staff

#### 2.5.1 Safety Officer

START Tetra Tech

#### 2.5.2 Liaison Officer

N/A

#### 2.5.3 Information Officer

Jim Mitchell FOSC

## 3. Participating Entities

### 3.1 Unified Command

N/A

### 3.2 Cooperating Agencies

IEPA

Illinois Department of Transportation

Tetra-Tech

Environmental Restoration (ER)

## 4. Personnel On Site

U.S.EPA -1

Tetra-Tech - 1

Environmental Restoration - 5

**5. Definition of Terms**

No information available at this time.

**6. Additional sources of information**

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

N/A

**6.2 Reporting Schedule**

This will serve as Initial and Final POLREP

**7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.

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