

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
POLLUTION REPORT**

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POLREP No.:	3	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
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Site Description

See [PolRep No.1](#)

Current Activities

April 16th through May 6th

During this reporting period, 26 large bulk containers were sampled. Due to the limited space between the top of some of the [tanks and the ceiling](#), the crew was unable to collect a representative sample from the top of the tank. In other cases, there was not a convenient opening on the top of the tanks to allow for sampling. Furthermore, there are no catwalks associated with any of the large bulk storage containers, hence a [small opening was cut](#) above the product layer to make it easier and safer to collect a representative sample of the contents.

During this reporting period, 55 samples were shipped for laboratory analyses. Approximately half the samples in addition to disposal analyses will also be analyzed for CERCLA parameters.

On April 26th, 2005, crew began the process of [segregating the lab chemicals](#) in the three on-site laboratories; Quality Control Laboratory, General Laboratory and R&D Laboratory. The intent is to dedicate each of the three labs to handle solid samples, liquid samples and laboratory reagents for further labpacking operations.

On April 26th, 2005, the crew noticed a slow drip emanating from the [bottom hatch of EPA designated Tank 19](#). This is the same tank that developed a leak from an elbow joint on March 15th, 2005. There are supposed to be 21 bolts securing the hatch; [5 of the bolts were missing](#) and a few others were quite rusty. The crew replaced the missing and rusty nuts and bolts and tightened all remaining nuts and bolts. The drip has been secured. The released material was contained within the secondary containment area.

The [transfer of tote contents](#) has been completed, accounting for approximately 110,000 gallons. Many of the transferred totes in addition to liquidlayer had a solid or semi-solid layer, these totes have been set aside for future consolidation. The transferred contents are housed in 5 [Frac Tanks](#) and three on site tanks. Crew initiated PVC process lines identification and cutting operations.

On May 4th, 2005, a meeting was held on site with the trustee, the Chief Financial Officer of Westwood Chemical Corp. at the time of the Chapter 7 filing and Region II's Office of Regional Counsel. The meeting was to discuss potential resale value in some of the chemicals on site; EPA's proposed actions; and for the trustee to evaluate the quality of the property for future auction.

Next Steps

- The continued identification and cutting of PVC process lines.
- 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.
- Disposal of debris such as the cut PVC process lines
- Shipping of empty totes for recycling

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