

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
35th Avenue Site - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IV

Subject: POLREP #28
Phase 4 Continues
35th Avenue Site
B4M3RV00
Birmingham, AL
Latitude: 33.5627531 Longitude: -86.7989565

To:
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Date: 6/9/2016
Reporting Period: 5/27/16 to 6/9/2016

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	B4M3RV00	Contract Number:	EP-S4-07-02
D.O. Number:	00034	Action Memo Date:	9/25/2013
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	2/17/2014	Start Date:	2/18/2014
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	ALN000410750	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	SEP 2013
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

As detailed in an Action Memorandum dated September 25, 2013, EPA had initially identified approximately 50 properties in the Birmingham communities of Fairmont, Harriman Park, and Collegeville that exhibited levels of soil contamination that exceed, either threefold or a magnitude of measure, Region 4 residential removal management levels for lead, arsenic, and/or polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. In addition to contamination deposited by airborne means over the previous 100 years, or potential contaminant migration due to flooding, these properties likely received fill material from one or more of the local industrial businesses. For further discussion of background information, please refer to previous POLREPs for this Site.

Early in the removal action for the 50 homes, EPA amended the original scope of work to allow for greater consistency with remedial goals that provide for a more permanent remedy. An Action Memorandum dated March 12, 2014 described the amended scope of work.

EPA expanded the scope of work, as detailed in an Action Memorandum dated August 11, 2014, to allow for removal of contaminated soil from properties where the soil concentrations for contaminants of concern exceed Region 4 Removal Management Levels *and* children either live there or routinely and frequently visit. This change of scope included approximately 30 properties, including the Collegeville Center and North Birmingham Homes public housing developments.

EPA expanded the scope of work, as detailed in an Action Memorandum dated January 6, 2015, to allow for removal of contaminated soil from properties where soil concentrations exceed two times the Region 4 Removal Management Levels for carcinogens; specifically arsenic and benzo[a]pyrene. This change of scope included approximately 35 properties.

EPA expanded the scope of work, as detailed in an Action Memorandum dated July 20, 2015, to allow for removal of contaminated soil from properties where soil concentrations exceed the Region 4 Removal Management Levels for contaminants of concerns; specifically arsenic, lead, and benzo[a]pyrene. This change of scope includes approximately 260 properties.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

Phase 4 removal activities:

Eighty residential properties have been addressed in Phase 4 with approximately 196 properties remaining.

Sixteen newly sampled properties have been added to Phase 4. These properties have children living on property and/or meet Phase 1 criteria (three times RML for lead and/or ten times RML for arsenic or benzo-a-pyrene TEQ). Total of 199 residential properties including three schools and two apartment complexes have been addressed since removal activities began.

Phase 4 sampling:

Since the 2015 community involvement for access request, EPA has received 230 access agreements for sampling. EPA has completed surface sampling of these properties. Thirty-eight meet removal criteria. Of these, sixteen will be completed in Phase 4. Sampling results are still coming in. EPA continues to receive access agreements.

Disposal:

In May 2016, 3,895 tons of contaminated soil were excavated and sent for disposal. About 45,000 tons of contaminated soil from the three communities have been sent to an appropriate landfill since site activities began.

Community outreach:

The EPA continues to receive access agreements from residents. OSCs continue to meet with property owners at the Command Post or at their respective properties to answer questions regarding the pending excavation efforts and respond to their concerns.

OSCs plan to participate with children summer camp outreach during week of June 13 in downtown Birmingham area. OSCs plan to show children how EPA samples soil.

Air monitoring:

START continues to monitor site conditions including air monitoring and sampling as well as removal documentation and soil profiling as directed by the OSC. Air sampling has included periodic personnel air sampling on a representative ground technician and an excavator operator. To date, air monitoring indicates all operations are well controlled and have minimized blowing dusts. Water truck is used as needed to keep command post area damp to reduce dust.

2.2 Planning Section

No information available at this time.

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

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

No information available at this time.

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.