

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

Date: Saturday, July 9, 2005

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Subject: Initial POLREP

Helena Chemical

602 Holland Avenue, Mission, TX

Latitude: 26.2131000

Longitude: -98.3336000

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	862
Reporting Period:	07/05-11/2005	D.O. #:	
Start Date:		Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	7/12/2005	Response Type:	
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Assessment
CERCLIS ID #:	TXD980625008	Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

This site is a former pesticide formulation and packaging facility, and was the subject of corrective action by USEPA in 1982. Deterioration of the containment cap has raised concerns over potential health impacts from chlorinated pesticides.

The facility is surrounded by residential properties, which were addressed by previous TCEQ actions.

Current Activities

The contractor (URS) selected to perform the assessment was secured through a zone crossover from Region 8 (Denver). This was necessary since the Region 6 START declared a conflict of interest.

Planned Removal Actions

As appropriate following assessment

Next Steps

EPA, TCEQ and URS personnel will meet with City of Mission officials on 07/12/05 to discuss planned activities, strategies and project coordination. Following that meeting, the assessment team will move to the site to begin a detailed site walk, scheduled for two days. A work plan will be developed to conduct an assessment of the entire site, including surface, subsurface and the buildings.

Key Issues

Coordination with City of Mission, TCEQ

Involvement of citizen groups and other key stakeholders

Expansion of assessment beyond the original capped area to the entire site

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