

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

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2005
From: William Rhotenberry

Subject: Initial Site Visit
Helena Chemical
602 Holland Avenue, Mission, TX
Latitude: 26.2131000
Longitude: -98.3336000

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	862
Reporting Period:	07/12/2005	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.

Contamination of surrounding properties was addressed by previous TCEQ actions.

Current Activities

EPA, TCEQ and URS personnel met with City of Mission officials to discuss planned activities, strategies and project coordination. Following that meeting, the assessment team mobed to the site to begin a detailed site walk, accompanied by the site owner and a Congressional Aide.

Planned Removal Actions

As appropriate following assessment

Next Steps

Complete the site walk tomorrow, debrief and demob.

Develop a work plan to conduct the site assessment, including surface, subsurface and the buildings.

Key Issues

Coordination with City of Mission and 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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