

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

**Date:** Tuesday, July 12, 2005

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

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	2	<b>Site #:</b>	862
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	07/12/2005	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>		<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	7/12/2005	<b>Response Type:</b>	
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Assessment
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	TXD980625008	<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

**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 demobe.

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

**Estimated Costs \***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
RST/START	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$95,000.00	100.00%
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
<b>Total Site Costs</b>	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$95,000.00	100.00%

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\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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