

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

**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2005

**From:** William Rhotenberry

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

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	3	<b>Site #:</b>	862
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	07/13/2005	<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>	
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#### **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**

The Team completed the site walk, debriefed and demobed.

The buildings are on concrete slab, requiring a GeoProbe / drill to penetrate and obtain samples beneath.

Cap deterioration was noted in several locations.

There was a significant odor noted in the vicinity of the Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs), which seemed to increase through the day with the temperature.

#### **Planned Removal Actions**

As appropriate following assessment

#### **Next Steps**

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

URS to secure support to move heavy equipment and vehicles inside buildings, and to provide man-lift for access to the top of the Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs) and the main building ceilings for sampling

#### **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

Significant odors from the vicinity of the ASTs

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