

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

Date: Friday, July 22, 2005

From: Paul L. Kahn

To: Eric Mosher, USEPA, Region 2, ERRD-RPB Tim Grier, USEPA Headquarters 5202G
Mary Mears, USEPA, PAD George Zachos, USEPA Region 2 ERRD
Dennis Farrar, NYSDEC Michael DiPietro, NYSDEC
Jocelyn Scott, USEPA ORC-NYCSFB Andrew Radaant, US DOI
James Daloia, USEPA, Region 2, ERRD-RPB Jerry Squires, Middle Falls Fire Department

Subject: Continued shipping of chemicals to original suppliers
Stevens & Thompson Paper Company
192 County Route 53, Middle Falls, NY
Latitude: 43.1033000
Longitude: -73.5353000

POLREP No.:	3	Site #:	WJ
Reporting Period:	current status	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	11/12/2004	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:		Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:	11/16/2004	NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:	11/16/2004	Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

The Site is a defunct tissue paper manufacturer (aka paper converting) located in a rural area of Greenwich, NY, 20 miles east of Saratoga Springs, NY.

The company became defunct 2 years ago and had filed for liquidation bankruptcy; the owner walked away from the property. The plant was purchased by a company based in California. The original intent was to reopen the plant, but due to economic considerations the plant will be demolished and sold for residential development.

The Site occupies 27 acres in a rural/residential area, and is perched on the edge of a cliff over the Battenkill River. It has one large brick and wood, multi-level manufacturing consisting of a warehouse, two hydroelectric power plants, manufacturing areas, a lab, offices, and repair shops. There is a boiler house and an associated 20,000 gallon AST for waste oil. There are a number of small out-buildings used for vehicle and misc. equipment storage.

Security guard service was in-place from 8AM to 6PM, seven days a week, but was discontinued. The facility has limited access via a dirt road, however, the property is unfenced and the buildings are unlocked and unsecured.

Current Activities

The OSC, with the approval of the RP, continues to make arrangements with original suppliers of paper-processing chemicals to have them accept their chemicals as returned goods. This past week the OSC shipped 12 55-gallon drums of anh. sodium hydroxide and 6 liquid chemical totes (2,200 gallons) back to the original suppliers (see chemical inventory information in Documents Section).

On 7/21/05 the OSC toured the Site with the EPA attorney assigned to this Site.

Planned Removal Actions

Continued removal of the remaining 4 chemical totes to original suppliers.

Continued contact with RP with regards to his intentions to complete the removal action

Next Steps

See above section.

Key Issues

The lack of Site security remains a Key Issue. This has been mitigated somewhat by the fact that more than 22,000 gallons and almost 3 tons of solid chemicals have been removed from the Site to date, significantly reducing the threat of a release of chemicals.

The main Key Issue is the disposition of the remaining 65+ drums of unknown chemicals, the lab chemicals, as well as 10 partially filled chemical totes that are still connected to process equipment in the manufacturing area of the Site. The RP has not replied to repeated requests for him to enunciate his intentions with regards to the disposal of the aforementioned chemicals.

response.epa.gov/SandTPaper