

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Otsego Township Dam Area - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** POLREP #49  
Progress  
Otsego Township Dam Area  
059B  
Otsego Township, MI  
Latitude: 42.4601694 Longitude: -85.7199333

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**Reporting Period:** 8/18/2018 - 7/31/2019

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	059B	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	4/6/2016
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA	<b>Response Type:</b>	PRP Oversight
<b>Response Lead:</b>	PRP	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	5
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	8/1/2016	<b>Start Date:</b>	8/1/2016
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	MID006007306	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	EGLE
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	059B

1.1.1 Incident Category

Time Critical Removal Action - PRP Oversight

1.1.2 Site Description

See PolRep #1

1.1.2.1 Location

See PolRep #1

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

See PolRep #1

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

See PolRep #1

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

The final reports (START and PRP) for the project were submitted, reviewed and approved by US EPA. Monitoring and maintenance activities have been conducted quarterly since completion of removal activities and minor repairs were completed.

2.1.2 Response Actions During Reporting Period

- Continued operation & maintenance of surface water run-off and erosion control measures;

- Conducted monitoring & maintenance surveys quarterly (December 2018, February 2019 & May 2019) with checklists and photo logs completed for by START and Wood Group after each inspection;
- Continued treatment for invasive plants in all restored areas;
- Continued operation of the irrigation system (removed in Spring 2019) in BRSAs as needed; and
- Completed repairs identified in the post-construction checklists in each BRSA.

### 2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

See PolRep #1

### 2.1.4 Progress Metrics

## 2.2 Planning Section

### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

- A final monitoring & maintenance survey will be conducted in August 2019. A final report will be prepared and submitted by Wood Group on the post-construction monitoring & maintenance phase of the project. This report will be reviewed by US EPA.

#### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

See Section 2.2.1

#### 2.2.1.2 Administrative Activities / Next Steps

The final letter report summarizing air monitoring, split sampling and other activities was received from START on May 24, 2019. The final construction report from Wood Group on behalf of the PRPs was received by US EPA on July 29, 2019 and approved on July 31, 2019. Both documents are posted and available for download on the 'Documents' section of the project website (see Section 6.1).

### 2.2.2 Issues

The access gates and roadways along the riverbanks in BRSAs 1,3,4,6,8 & 9 are still in place and will remain until the implementation of the remedial phase of the project in adjacent floodplains.

## 2.3 Logistics Section

See PolRep #1

## 2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

## 2.5 Other Command Staff

### 2.5.1 Safety Officer

Site safety protocols are still in place within work areas. A safety officer is designated for any work crews working within BRSAs.

### 2.5.2 Liaison Officer

Tours with agency executives/personnel, elected officials, universities, residents, and non-profit organizations continue.

### 2.5.3 Information Officer

- A final community meeting (presentation available in the 'Documents' section of the website) was held on September 13, 2018;
- An updated Fact Sheet (available in the 'Documents' section of the website) was finalized and distributed in September 2018;
- MDNR lifted the closure order, and held a 'ribbon cutting' ceremony on August 30 to announce the river was open for recreation. The ceremony was attended by politicians, agency executives, contractors and local residents.

## 3. Participating Entities

### 3.1 Unified Command

### 3.2 Cooperating Agencies

See PolRep #1

## 4. Personnel On Site

Personnel from USEPA, MDNR, MDEGLE, Envirocon, Wood, Cardo and other subcontractors were present on site off and on during the reporting period.

## 5. Definition of Terms

BRSA	Bank Removal and Stabilization Area
MDEGLE	Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy
MDNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources
OSC	On Scene Coordinator
PolRep	Pollution Report
PRP	Potentially Responsible Party
START	Superfund Technical Assessment & Response Team (US EPA contractor)

**6. Additional sources of information**

**6.1 Internet location of additional information/report**

<https://response.epa.gov/otsegodam>

[www.epa.gov/superfund/allied-paper-kalamazoo](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/allied-paper-kalamazoo)

**6.2 Reporting Schedule**

A final PolRep will be issued once the final report on the monitoring & maintenance phase of the project is submitted and approved. This is expected to be later this summer.

**7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.