

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region X
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Decontamination--Final Week
Alder Mill
Twisp, WA

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| POLREP No.: | 6 | Site #: | 109G |
| Reporting Period: | 1-6 Dec 02 | D.O. #: | |
| Start Date: | 11/7/2002 | Response Authority: | CERCLA |
| Mob Date: | 10/28/2002 | Response Type: | Time-Critical |
| Demob Date: | | NPL Status: | Non NPL |
| Completion Date: | | Incident Category: | Removal Action |
| CERCLIS ID #: | WAD980722847 | Contract # | |
| RCRIS ID #: | | | |

Site Description

See Initial POLREP

Current Activities

12/2/02 (1-HSA, 1-G.L.Palm, 2-FOSS, 2-Big Sky, 2-River's Edge, Eugene Feltz, Ray Dodge)
Two truck loads (30 yards per load) of Mill Pond tailings hauled to East Wenatchee landfill. Second truck/pup trailer in shop for repairs. VacTruck decontamination efforts continue. The efficiency and speed of the new VacTruck (Big Sky) are marked improvements over its predecessor. Mill tailings removal continues to be slowed due to mechanical problems with haul trucks. Access to the Upper Ore Bin has been completed. Excavator will begin removal of the coarse ore. River's Edge cleaned up their equipment in preparation to leave.

12/3/02 (1-HydroSolution, 1-G.L.Palm, 2-FOSS, 2-Big Sky, 3-River's Edge, Eugene Feltz, Ray Dodge)
Two truck loads of Mill Pond tailings hauled to East Wenatchee landfill. Second truck/pup trailer still in shop for repairs. VacTruck decontamination efforts continue. Mill tailings removal continues to be slowed due to mechanical problems with haul trucks. Excavator finished removing the cemented materials from the coarse ore bin. The remainder of fine ore material from the bin will be removed by VacTruck Wednesday. River's Edge decontaminated their VacTruck and left site.

12/4/02 (1-HydroSolution, 2-G.L.Palm, 2-FOSS, 2-Big Sky)
Two truck loads of Mill Pond tailings hauled to East Wenatchee landfill. Second truck/pup trailer still in shop for repairs. The VacTruck was decontaminated so that it could resume CW removal following DW removal. CW to be removed is located in the coarse ore bin and elsewhere in the Mill building. Removal of hardened materials by hand.

12/5/02 (2-G.L.Palm, 2-FOSS, 2-Big Sky)
Two truck loads of Mill Pond tailings hauled to East Wenatchee landfill. Second truck/pup trailer still in shop for repairs. The VacTruck & FOSS equipment were decontaminated before leaving site after completing decontamination of Mill Facility. Removal of hardened materials by hand.

12/6/02 (2-G.L.Palm)
Two truck loads of Mill Pond tailings hauled to East Wenatchee landfill. Second truck/pup trailer still in shop for repairs. Removal of hardened materials by hand.

Planned Removal Actions

Continue removal efforts in the Mill facility and the Mill Pond.

Next Steps

- Mill building confirmation sampling & results

- Continued removal of ore from the below the course ore bin and removal of tailings from the Mill Pond.
- Removal of hardened materials by hand which could not be vacuumed from Mill
- Demolition

Key Issues

- Approval of the SSIP
- December Scheduling
- Awaiting Demolition WP
- Weather Watch...

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