

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
ED-Coat - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region IX

**Subject:** POLREP #4  
ED-Coat  
A999  
Oakland, CA  
Latitude: 37.7998008 Longitude: -122.2819851

**To:**  
**From:** Chris Reiner, On-Scene Coordinator  
**Date:** 9/18/2021  
**Reporting Period:** 09/13/21 - 09/18/21

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	A999	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	8/17/2021
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Response Lead:</b>	EPA	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	8/31/2021	<b>Start Date:</b>	8/31/2021
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>		<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

EPA-lead removal action at a defunct electroplating facility.

#### 1.1.2 Site Description

The site is a large, defunct plating shop, which was shut down by the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) in 2012, when the utility revoked ED-Coat's permit to discharge wastewater from their operations. The facility has been idle since that time. In the interim, plating tanks full of corrosive solutions have degraded and many of them are now in very poor condition, presenting the threat of a release of toxic, corrosive liquids.

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

715 4th St, Oakland, CA 94607

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Large plating tanks in very poor condition present the threat of a release of toxic, corrosive liquids.

#### 1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

EPA and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) have conducted several sampling operations at the facility over the last few years. This sampling has confirmed the presence of thousands of gallons of corrosive liquids, both acids and bases, many of them with high concentrations of toxic metals. These liquids are stored in badly corroded steel tanks of various sizes. On many of the tanks there are also extensive deposits of corrosive sodium hydroxide crystals, and some of the tanks show evidence of past leaks of contents, including hydroxide crystals on the floor or on adjacent piping.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

EPA mobilized to the site on August 31, 2021 to begin removal operations.

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

During the week of September 13, 2021, ERRS contractors pumped approximately 25,000 gallons of wastewater and hazardous waste liquids, which were transported off-site for disposal, in addition to six roll-off bins of RCRA debris. ERRS crew has continued to solidify and remove sludges from tanks in the D, E, and F plating lines and continues to cut and stage tanks for removal. START continues to carry out air monitoring and sampling, and collect additional samples for waste characterization as needed. On September 15th, Oakland Fire assisted with HazCat classification of a tank of approximately 1000 gallons of unknown acid. On September 17, ERRS began pumping acids present in lesser volumes, primarily from line C, into totes for transportation and disposal. ERRS continued assessment and removal of piping on line F, to allow for plumbed tanks to be removed.

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

ED-Coat and the various members of the Rossi family, as owners of the property and former operators of the facility, are the only identified PRPs at the Site.

**2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

Waste sent out for disposal from the E-D Coat Site:

CY = cubic yards

gal = gallons

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Container Type</i>	<i>Disposal Quantity</i>	<i>Units</i>
RCRA Debris	Roll Off Bin	160	CY
RCRA Wastewater	Tanker Truck	14,400	gal
Non-RCRA Wastewater	Tanker Truck	33,550 gallons	gal

**2.2 Planning Section**

**2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

Continue removal activities as described below.

**2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

Continue removal of plating solutions and crystallized solids in tanks, as well as cutting and removal of tanks themselves. Continue assessing, draining, and removing the thousands of feet of piping in the facility.

**2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

There are numerous small containers of chemicals throughout the facility. ERRS will collect them into a centralized area and START and ERRS will complete an inventory of them, in preparation for lab packing these containers for transport off-site.

**2.2.2 Issues**

No new issues identified.

**2.3 Logistics Section**

No information available at this time.

**2.4 Finance Section**

No information available at this time.

**2.5 Other Command Staff**

No information available at this time.

**3. Participating Entities**

No information available at this time.

**4. Personnel On Site**

EPA OSC - 2

START - 2

ERRS - 10

**5. Definition of Terms**

No information available at this time.

**6. Additional sources of information**

No information available at this time.

**7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.