

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

Date: Monday, March 20, 2006

From: Dilshad Perera

To: James Daloia, USEPA, Region 2, ERRD-RPB Eric Mosher, USEPA, Region 2, ERRD-RPB
Ray Basso, USEPA Paul Simon, USEPA, Region 2 ORC-
NYCSFB
Michael Mintzer, EPA Bill McCabe, ERRD
Paul John, NYSDEC John O'Mara, NYSDEC
John Ward, Supervisor, Town of Wallkill

Subject: Westwood Chemical
46 Tower Road, Middletown, NY
Latitude: 41.4687500
Longitude: -74.3772800

POLREP No.:	11	Site #:	WN
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	13
Start Date:	3/3/2005	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	3/8/2005	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:	3/1/2006	Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	EP-W-04-055
RCRIS ID #:	NYD072710502		

Site Description

See [POLREP 1](#)

Current Activities

Final Pollution Report

As of March 1st, 2006, EPA had completed all on-Site removal response activities at the Westwood Chemical Corporation Site.

- **Site Soils:** As described in [POLREP 10](#), EPA determined that pH levels in certain Site soils with low pH, and which exhibited vegetative stress, be elevated to near neutral by addition of lime in order to enhance vegetative growth and to control potential erosion. On January 17, 2006, EPA mobilized to the Site with its emergency removal cleanup contractor, Earth Tech, Inc to buffer approximately 65,000 square feet of Site soils. As of March 1st, pH in the impacted soil has been elevated to near neutral, starter fertilizer applied, area seeded with contractor mix and straw spread over the area tilled.

- **Disposal Activity:** For summary of disposal activities at the Westwood Chemical Corporation please see [POLREP 10](#) or the [Disposal Tracking](#) document for an itemized accounting of waste disposal.

- **Other:**

Sprinkler system: As described in [POLREP 10](#), the water source for the Site sprinkler system was turned off so as to prevent bursting of pipes and flooding of the Site due to anticipated freezing conditions that would prevail in the Site building when the heat was turned off upon the conclusion of EPA's on-Site activities. On January 17, 2006, EPA noted a sprinkler head in the compressor room had failed and was leaking water. EPA drained residual water in the sprinkler line by opening a valve. On February 21, 2006, EPA observed water leaking from cracks in sprinkler pipes inside

the building. EPA notified the Wallkill Water and Sewer Company who returned to the Site on February 27, 2006 to once again close the main gate valve in the street outside of the building.

Elevator: EPA noted that the passenger elevator in the building at the Site had appeared to have slipped from the second floor by approximately 18 inches. EPA placarded elevator doors in each of the levels with "Do Not Enter." On February 23, 2006, EPA provided a tour of the facility to a lieutenant with the Silver Lakes Fire Department and notified him of the faulty elevator. EPA also advised the trustee in bankruptcy of this condition.

- EPA Demobilization: EPA demobilized from the site as of the close of the business day March 01, 2006.

Next Steps

EPA on-Site CERCLA removal activities have been completed as of the close of business day, March 01, 2006

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$2,360,000.00	\$2,163,800.00	\$196,200.00	8.31%
USCG	\$40,000.00	\$39,700.00	\$300.00	0.75%
TAT	\$50,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$41,000.00	82.00%
Intramural Costs				
USEPA - Direct (Region, HQ)	\$100,000.00	\$92,000.00	\$8,000.00	8.00%
Total Site Costs	\$2,550,000.00	\$2,304,500.00	\$245,500.00	9.63%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

response.epa.gov/westwood

POLREP #11 Last Updated 3/11/2021