

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

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**Subject:** FINAL

Stevens & Thompson Paper Company  
192 County Route 53, Middle Falls, NY  
Latitude: 43.1033000  
Longitude: -73.5353000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	22	<b>Site #:</b>	WJ
<b>Reporting Period:</b>		<b>D.O. #:</b>	0029
<b>Start Date:</b>	12/12/2005	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	12/12/2005	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Demob Date:</b>	4/28/2006	<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>	5/24/2006	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	NYD002075737	<b>Contract #</b>	EP-W-04-054
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

**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, had filed for liquidation bankruptcy, and the owner walked away from the property. The plant was purchased by St. Regis Investments, LLC, 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.

Initially, this was an RP-lead removal action without an enforcement document. However, at a point in the removal activities the RP informed EPA that he did not have the funds to continue the removal action, and asked that EPA take over. After deliberating on the turn of events, and with a written site referral from the NYSDEC, EPA agreed to complete the removal action.

In connection with this proposed activity, the OSC and members of the US Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team visited the Site on September 6, 2005 to conduct field sampling/testing on 10 drums of unknown chemicals staged at the Site. Test results revealed the presence of corrosive waste chemicals and flammable waste chemicals.

**Current Activities**

The last chemical container, a half-full tote (175 gallons) of a corrosive propriety cleaner was picked up by Clean Harbors, on behalf of Ciba Specialty Chemicals, and was transported for disposal.

**Planned Removal Actions**

None. With the shipping of this chemical container all on-site removal activities have concluded.

**Next Steps**

Send close-out letter to State and local officials and elected representatives.

**Key Issues**

None remaining.

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