

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

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**Subject:** Initiation of PRP Removal  
Halaco Engineering  
6200 Perkins, Oxnard, CA  
Latitude: 34.1389000  
Longitude: -119.1819000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	3	<b>Site #:</b>	09X6
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	August 21 - September 12, 2006	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	6/19/2006	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	6/16/2006	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Demob Date:</b>	6/29/2006	<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Assessment
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>		<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

**Site Description**

See POLREP 1

**Current Activities**

8/21/2006: PRP Contractor Patriot Environmental, Inc. mobilizes to site for the initiation of the cleanup. The START Team mobilized for PRP oversight. START oversight being handled by AE Com-Metcalf and Eddy office out of Santa Maria, CA. An initial site walk was conducted to discuss project objectives directed by FOSC Rob Wise, START and Patriot field team. Exclusion, Contamination Reduction, and Support zones were established. The contents in connex box labeled #1 were separated and moved to the designated area at the materials staging area. The contents from the laboratory were separated and moved to the designated area at the materials staging area. Miscellaneous small containers were collected from around the Halaco facility, separated, and moved to the designated area at the materials staging area.

8/22/2006: Patriot continued removal operations under START supervision. Continued collection of miscellaneous materials around the facility. Lab pack 4 cyd boxes of paint materials, 2 drums of aerosols, and segregated Non-RCRA, Corrosives & Toxics materials.

8/23/2006: Patriot continued removal operations under START supervision. Drums were collected and placed into a central storage area. 18 lab packs including all laboratory materials, 4 cyds of paint products, 1 5 gal alkaline batteries, 1 drum and palette of lead acid batteries, 1 85-gal overpacked drum

containing the sodium thorium plate were packaged. Unstacked drums containing manganese chloride. Permit for the Magnesium Thorium plate was approved by the Southwest LLRW commission. This was sent to Thomas Gray Associates who will dispose of the plate. Thomas Gray will deliver to EMC in Turloc, California for processing and final destination will be Energy Solutions in Clive, Utah.

8/24/2006: Patriot continued removal operations under START supervision. Lab packing and segregating of miscellaneous containers continues. One load of dust/soil/slag was vacuumed from the concrete lined storage area at the southwest portion of the site. Material from the area adjacent to the concrete lined storage area discussed above was loaded using a front end loader. Solids are placed in the smelter building for storage. Air perimeter monitoring for dust and VOCs initiated.

8/25/2006: Patriot continued removal operations under START supervision. Collection of process solids continued using the vacuum truck. The north side of the fencing was installed. Thomas Gray picks up magnesium thorium plate. Scraping of process solids in the old burn area continues. Ammonia fumes are detectable. START recommends the use of ammonia cartridges and monitoring. A Loader is used to move process solids from the concrete lined containment areas on the west side of the perimeter. The containment areas are built at an unexpected grade, below ground surface (bgs), to estimated 8 foot. This increases overall material.

8/28/2006: Patriot continued removal operations under START supervision. Metal buckets containing slag moved into the smelter building. Moved compressed canisters into one location located on the south perimeter of the industrial site. Removed remaining stockpile from burn ash area

8/29/2006: Patriot continued removal operations under START supervision. Continued to remove process solids from various areas around the site using a loader or vacuum truck. Continued to remove drums to segregation area and metal bins into smelte building. • Metal bins moved to building 3.

8/30/2006: Patriot continues to collect process solids from the smelter grounds and places them inside the smelter building.

8/31/2006: Patriot continues to collect process solids from the smelter grounds and places them inside the smelter building. Continued consolidating drums. START on-site to conduct periodic oversight.

9/1/2006: Patriot continues to collect process solids from the smelter grounds and places them inside the smelter building. Continued consolidating drums.

9/5/2006: Patriot continues to collect process solids from the smelter grounds and places them inside the smelter building. Continued consolidating drums.

9/6/2006: Patriot continues to collect process solids from the smelter grounds and places them inside the smelter building.

9/7/2006: Patriot continues to collect process solids from the smelter grounds and places them inside the smelter building. Waste profiles submitted. The START on-site for periodic monitoring.

9/8/2006: Patriot continues to collect process solids from the smelter grounds and places them inside the smelter building.

9/11/2006: Finished lab packing and chemical consolidation. Waste staged for disposal pending TSDF acceptance.

9/12/2006: Patriot continues to collect process solids from the smelter grounds and places them inside the smelter building. Composite samples of liquid waste have been collected and being profiled. The START on-site for periodic monitoring

### **Planned Removal Actions**

All containerized hazardous substances will be removed from the site including all small containers, lab packs, drums and cylinders. All tanks will be pumped and cleaned. All process solids will be either secured inside one of the smelter buildings or in its existing conex.

### **Next Steps**

1. Disposal of all hazardous substances and hazardous waste to a CERCLA off-site approved TSDF.
2. Finish bulking unsecured process solids.

3. Complete fencing the WMU.

**Key Issues**

1. Procurement of a RCRA ID number to dispose of RCRA hazardous waste.

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