

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region I
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Transition from Response to Recovery
Danversport Explosion Site
126 Water St., Danvers, MA
Latitude: 42.5469000
Longitude: -70.9208000

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	11/22/2006	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	11/22/2006	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

This is an ongoing response to a chemical fire and explosion in Danvers Massachusetts. Two companies, CAI Inc. and Arnell Co were colocated in a building on Water Street. At approximately 0300hrs, a fire and explosion of unknown origin resulted in the destruction of the building and significant damage to many homes and businesses in the vicinity. There were no fatalities; several persons were hospitalized, but all have been released as of 11/25/06.

Current Activities

Massachusetts State Fire Marshall Crime Scene Investigators and ATF have begun to pick through the debris pile. Their investigation is expected to be completed by 11/27/2006.

The involved companies, CAI and Arnel have not agreed to accept responsibility for cleanup activities. The OSC has issued a verbal Notice-to-Proceed to the ERRS contractor for \$250,000; ERRS and the OSC will conduct a site walk-through on 11/26/2006.

USCG personnel are on-scene, providing direction to their cleanup contractor and assisting with information gathering for health and safety.

The Masachusetts DEP is providing on-scene support as well.

Planned Removal Actions

The planning process for the removal action continues. Coordination with local officials and the MADEP has facilitated planning process.

Next Steps

Mobilize the ERRS contractor; prepare site for trailers and staging areas.

Key Issues

Multi-agency coordination will become more complex as the process moves from response to recovery.

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