

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

Date: Monday, December 4, 2006

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Subject: Removal Site Evaluation, PRP Oversight w/o enforcement instrument
Tank Car Corporation of America
int. of Walnut Avenue and Oreland Mills Rd, Oreland, PA
Latitude: 40.1200000
Longitude: -75.1919000

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	A3GX
Reporting Period:	4/28/06 through 11/29/06	D.O. #:	
Start Date:		Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:		Response Type:	
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Assessment
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

The Tank Car Corporation of America Site was the location of a railroad tank car rehabilitation facility operating in Oreland, PA, for most of the 20th century. The facility is located at the intersection of Walnut Ave. and Oreland Mills Rd. along the railroad tracks. The facility includes several buildings, a paint shop, and several sidings on which tank cars are still located.

The OSC began evaluating this property in April 2006 by coordinating with entities seeking to sell and/or purchase the property. The OSC received environmental data which indicated that several tank cars and underground tanks (believed to be railroad tank cars) contain hazardous substances. Additionally, the soil and the ground water contain hazardous substances. Notable contaminants include chlorinated organics (e.g., trichloroethene), naphthalene compounds, and ammonia.

The property is in the midst of characterization and negotiations for potential sale. The OSC is monitoring Site conditions while negotiations progress.

Current Activities

On November 10th, the OSC inspected the Site and found that the tanks were not secured and that a tank containing ammonia was leaking. The OSC requested that these issues be addressed. The estate arranged for the tanks to be secured (bolted, wired, and/or locked) and for the leak to be stopped by capping the leaking drain pipe.

Planned Removal Actions

No removal actions are planned at this time.

Next Steps

Continue to conduct removal site evaluation and coordinate with the estate for the property regarding the need to remove the hazardous substances from the Site.

Key Issues

The property contains tanks of hazardous substances and the property is in the midst of a potential sale.

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