

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Work Resumes

Acme Chicago Coke Site

11236 South Torrence Avenue, Chicago, IL

Latitude: 41.6917000

Longitude: -87.5597000

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| POLREP No.: | 2 | Site #: | B5AY |
| Reporting Period: | 06/01/2006 - 01/25/2007 | D.O. #: | |
| Start Date: | 10/5/2005 | Response Authority: | CERCLA |
| Mob Date: | 10/5/2005 | Response Type: | Time-Critical |
| Demob Date: | | NPL Status: | Non NPL |
| Completion Date: | | Incident Category: | Removal Action |
| CERCLIS ID #: | ILN000509241 | Contract # | |
| RCRIS ID #: | | | |

Site Description

The Acme Chicago Coke Plant is located at 11236 South Torrence Avenue, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The approximately 102-acre Site is located in a primarily industrial area located less than 2 mile from a residential area. The Site is comprised of approximately 20 buildings, including two coke batteries, power house, maintenance building, and by-products building. Please see the original POLREP dated June 1, 2006, for additional information on the Site description.

Current Activities

During the 2004 Acme bankruptcy proceedings, Salrecon acquired an ownership interest in structures and fixtures at the facility. For several years Salrecon engaged in scrap salvaging activities at the facility. In 2005, the Calumet Heritage Partnership, on behalf of Chicago's Steel Heritage Project, signed a contract to purchase the coke plant structures from Salrecon. In July 2006, the Calumet Heritage Partnership defaulted on the contract and the coke plant structures reverted back to Salrecon. At that time, work at the Site was halted and U.S. EPA began negotiating with Salrecon to complete the remaining tasks under the time-critical removal action. Salrecon has negotiated with Jabco Industrial Service, Inc. to conduct the demolition activities at the Site. Jabco wishes to remove structural materials and other salvageable items from buildings and equipment at the Site. U.S. EPA is negotiating an administrative order on consent (AOC) with Jabco and possibly Salrecon to complete some of the remaining removal tasks including asbestos abatement. U.S. EPA will conduct most of the waste disposal activities.

On December 4, 2006, U.S. EPA and the Emergency Rapid Response Services Contractor (ERRS) returned to the site to evaluate the condition of the waste remaining in the tanks. On December 14th, 2006, a vac truck was brought on-site to remove pumpable material from the tanks. The oil/water mixture was transported to Pollution Control Industries located in East Chicago, Indiana.

On January 2, 2007, U.S. EPA and ERRS arranged for the transportation and disposal of the miscellaneous materials found in drums and containers throughout the site. Materials included oil, ignitable, corrosive, and toxic waste streams. These materials were overpacked and transported to Pollution Control Industries located in East Chicago, Indiana for appropriate disposal.

During this reporting period, Jabco mobilized a licensed asbestos abatement contractor to remove all asbestos containing material from the site including the piping insulation which was to be addressed under the removal action.

From January 18-24, 2007, U.S. EPA and Jabco consolidated and solidified the non-pumpable sludge remaining in the tanks. Waste characterization samples were taken of the solidified material.

Planned Removal Actions

The remaining work to be completed under this removal action involves removing and disposing of the solidified material in the tanks once the results from the waste characterization samples are received.

Next Steps

Continue negotiating an AOC with Jabco and Salrecon.

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