

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

Date: Thursday, December 28, 2006

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To: Donald Berger, Springfield Township Jennie Saxe, EPA

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.:	2 Site #:	A3GX
Reporting Period:	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 remains in the midst of characterization and negotiations for potential sale, but no definitive resolution of the waste storage and threat posed exist. The OSC continues to monitor Site conditions while negotiations about potential property transfer progress, but has requested that the owners remove the liquids from the tanks.

Current Activities

As of December 28, 2006, the owners of the property had not removed the liquids from the Site, had no definitive agreement involving the transfer of the property to a new owner that might conduct cleanup, and had not fully secured the tanks. The OSC consulted with the Region and informed the representative of the owner that based upon the threats posed by the liquids in the tanks, that EPA expects to know by January 12th, 2007, if the owners will remove the liquids to mitigate potential threats.

Planned Removal Actions

No Actions are planned at this time. The OSC expects to continue to work with the owner towards a private resolution.

Next Steps

Continue Removal Site Evaluation and coordinate with the property owners and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding the need to remove the hazardous substances from the Site. Await word from the owners by January 12th, 2007, of whether they intend to remove the tank contents.

Key Issues

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

