

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2007

From: Art Smith

Subject: Initiation of Action

CSX Derailment - Brooks, KY

State Highway 1020 & Huber Station Road, Brooks, KY

Latitude: 38.0589000

Longitude: -85.7100000

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	A4NW
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	1/16/2007	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	1/16/2007	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

A CSX train derailment involving 12 tanker/hopper cars resulted in a product release and fire-explosion in the city of Brooks, Bullitt County, Kentucky approximately 25 miles south of Louisville, KY. The product cars contained a variety of flammable liquids, gases, and accelerant compounds. The incident location is also a few miles west of Interstate 65 and a stretch of the interstate has been shut down because of the eastward movement of the smoke plume. A one-mile radius from the fire has been evacuated including Brooks Elementary School. EPA Region 4, EPA-ERT and support contractors responded to the incident.

Current Activities

Initial Responders working the incident: Local Fire & Rescue and The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Department of Environmental Protection (KDEP) and Kentucky's National Guard are on-scene.

USEPA Region 4 OSC, USEPA-Environmental Response Team (ERT), ERT ASPECT, and support contractor are responding to the incident. ATSDR and the USCG Gulf Strike Team are also responding.

Planned Removal Actions

CSX and its contractors will conduct property restoration and rail repair.

Key Issues

Evacuation of one (1) mile radius (Brooks, KY) and Interstate 65 detoured. Health effects of smoke plume.

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