

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

Date: Friday, January 5, 2007

From: Perry Gaughan

Subject: Clean up Continues
Synthron Chemical Fire
305 Amherst Road, Morganton, NC
Latitude: 35.7569000
Longitude: -81.6600000

POLREP No.:	11	Site #:	A4LD
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	5/9/2006	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	5/8/2006	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	NCD982121790	Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

For Site description and background information, refer to previous POLREP.

Current Activities

During December 2006, ERRS contractors continued demolition activities of the concrete pad area around the tank farm and began removing the concrete block wall for future crushing. In addition, the contents from the 12,000 gallon tank near the command post was determined to be a mixed paraformaldehyde-polymer waste and arrangements were made for its disposal. Approximately 20,000 pounds of the paraformaldehyde waste was shipped to Clean Harbors Inc for incineration at their Kimball, Nebraska facility.

Soil sampling conducted under the former tank farm area indicated low levels of metals and solvents below EPA removal guidelines. The site transportation and disposal coordinator found eight small gas cylinders (lecture bottles) containing unknown gas and was arranging for analysis and disposal.

USCG Gulf Strike Team continues to conduct site oversight with an emphasis on contractor safety and air monitoring during all phases of disposal.

Planned Removal Actions

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Continue concrete demolition and crushing activities.
Finalize disposal of remaining waste and lecture bottles.
Final site grading activities and hydroseeding.

Key Issues

No outstanding issues at this

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