

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2006

From: Perry Gaughan

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

POLREP No.:	10	Site #:	A4LD
Reporting Period:	Nov 1 thru Nov 30th	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 November, demolition operations continue and are 95% complete. ERRs began demolition of the concrete pad area and support structure of the tank farm. 20 tanks from the tank farm area have been removed, mostly through a cooperative effort involving Synthron management. Two remaining tanks containing paraformaldehyde-polymer mixed waste is scheduled for disposal, pending the completion of waste characterization and disposal three bid process. In addition, 664 RCRA empty drums and totes were removed from the site for recycling.

On November 2nd, following a review of storm water analytical analysis, North Carolina DNR issued a letter granting approval to discharge the remaining storm water through the existing storm drains located near the site. The water treatment system was cleaned and arrangements made to demobe the equipmemt from the site.

The USCG Gulf Strike Team collected soil samples under the former tank farm area for analysis. Results are expected next month. ERRs crew and USCG Strike Team demobed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 17th.

Planned Removal Actions

December 2006

Continue remaining concrete demo of tank farm and support structure.

Arrange for disposal of paraformaldehyde/polymer waste stream, approx 39,000 pounds.

Key Issues

No significant issues at this time.

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