

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

**Date:** Tuesday, May 1, 2007

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**Subject:** T&D Week #24  
Helena Chemical  
602 Holland Avenue, Mission, TX  
Latitude: 26.2131000  
Longitude: -98.3336000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	41	<b>Site #:</b>	0606
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	04/14-23/2007	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	2/9/2006	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	2/13/2006	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	TXD980625008	<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

**Site Description**

In late September 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began the removal clean up at the Helena Chemical Company facility (site) in Mission, Texas. The removal action involves digging up the contaminated soil within the on-site facility property underneath a deteriorating asphalt cap.

**Current Activities**

As of April 30, 2007 EPA has excavated and stockpiled approximately 13,300 cubic yards of soil for further analysis and waste characterization. To date, EPA has removed approximately 13,300 cubic yards of contaminated soil and 39,254 gallons of storm water for off site transportation and disposal.

All heavy equipment used for the removal activities has been decontaminated for mobilization from the site.

As of April 30, 2007 a total of 845 particulate and gaseous phase air samples, 182 confirmation of cleanup soil samples, 6 backfill source soil samples, 4 sludge/sediment samples, and 2 water samples have been collected and submitted to a fixed laboratory for analysis. All pesticide particulate and vapors levels on-site and in the surrounding community have been below the site-specific action levels.

An EPA community office trailer is available on Site. A map which will have updated daily information on particulate air monitoring data is being posted next to the entrance of the office trailer for the public to stop by and view. This information will also be available in hard copy and electronic format. The office is open to allow community members an opportunity to speak with an EPA representative in person about any questions or concerns they may have about ongoing Site activities. This office has up to date and current information available in both English and Spanish.

**Estimated Costs \***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
<b>Total Site Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the

government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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