

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

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2007

From: Catherine Young

Subject: Final PolRep

C&S Wholesale Grocers Response
95 North Hatfield Rd, Hatfield, MA
Latitude: 42.3986000
Longitude: -72.6156000

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	
Reporting Period:	5/9/07 - 5/10/07	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	5/10/2007	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	5/10/2007	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:	5/10/2007	NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:	5/10/2007	Incident Category:	
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

The site of the release is a food distribution warehouse located in a commercial area in Hatfield, MA.

Current Activities

At approximately 12:30am on May 10, 2007, MassDEP responder Craig Givens reported a release to the NRC of anhydrous ammonia coming from the C&S Wholesale Grocers, a food distribution warehouse, located in Hatfield, MA. An odor of ammonia was detected outside of the warehouse by an employee at approximately 6:30 pm and an evacuation of the warehouse was ordered as a precaution. Some employees felt ill from inhalation of the ammonia, causing 14 employees to be sent to the hospital for observation. All 14 employees were released from the hospital last night. Four homes within the vicinity of the warehouse were evacuated as a precaution.

Givens stated that the local hazmat team, as well as the Hatfield, Amherst and North Hampton fire depts, were on scene attempting to identify the source of the release. As the source was still uncertain, EPA assistance was requested for air monitoring support to determine the source of the release. OSC Lipson was dispatched to the scene at approximately 12:45am. OSC Young dispatched 2 START contractors with an ammonia sensor Multiwarn and Draeger tubes for air monitoring.

At approximately 1:20 am, Givens called OSC Young stating that local responders had identified the source of the release as a pump within the warehouse which had malfunctioned. Givens stated that since the release was being secured by local responders, EPA assistance was no longer needed. OSC Young contacted OSC Lipson to inform him that he no longer needed to respond. The response was terminated en route at approximately 1:30am.

Planned Removal Actions

No EPA removal actions are planned for this site.

Next Steps

None

Key Issues

None

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