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POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Friction Division Products
40 North Enterprise Ave, Lawrence Township (Trenton), NJ
Latitude: 40.2728000
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POLREP No.:	27	Site #:	XW
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	031
Start Date:	6/26/2006	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	1/28/2007	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:	6/26/2007	Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	NJN0002058677	Contract #	EP-W-04-055
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Site Description

This Site, a defunct automotive brake pad manufacturer, was brought to the attention of EPA by the NJDEP for a possible referral for a CERCLA removal action. An inspection by EPA OSCs and a DEP responder on 12/23/05 revealed the following hazardous materials/wastes were abandoned at the site: tons of asbestos material, tons of elemental sulphur, 1,000+ drums of mostly unknown materials or materials that do not match the label description, hundreds of smaller containers, acids, flammable liquids, iron and aluminum powders, flammable solids, waste oil, solvents, and other contaminants or pollutants. The Site is semi-controlled, with most doors being locked but numerous open windows or sections of sheet-metal walls missing. A maintenance man is on-site for a few hours Mon-Fri.

During June,2006, the OSC observed that employees of the RP, Friction Division Products, were entering the Site and loading contaminated drums and debris in a roll-off from Building #7. In the process of removing the contaminated debris they Spilled powdered chemicals from broken bags on a pallet. EPA brought this to the attention of the property owners. With EPA management authorization, and the owner's permission, EPA initiated security guard service as of June 15, 2006 to prevent access by the RP and other unauthorized persons. Security guard service was discontinued on June 26, 2006, when RP agreed to not enter the Site unless EPA was present.

Current Activities

ERRS contractor demobed on May 24th for the Memorial Day weekend. Site activities will resume at 0700 hours on May 29th. ERRS has awarded subcontract for disposal of the almost 400 drums of chemical wastes on the Site. The week of June 11th is tentatively scheduled for trucks to begin transporting the drums off-Site for disposal. Efforts continue to give away approx. one thousand pounds of red iron oxide paint pigment. Efforts continue to have the Exide Co. accept a lead-acid forklift battery for recycling, at no cost to the Government.

ERRS has finalized a comprehensive plan to remove 9 baghouses and one machine in order to remediate

approximately one ton of asbestos containing material contained in those devices. ERRS has almost completed the negative-pressure enclosure where the baghouses will be moved to be cleaned. June 11th has been designated as the start date for removing the first baghouse. Overhead power lines have been removed by PSE & G, and a crane has been rented. OSC Daly continues to coordinate this phase of the removal action with ERRS and local officials. ERT met with ERRS contractor to designate locations for upwind/downwind air monitoring/sampling for asbestos during the baghouse removal phase of the operation.

A public availability meeting to inform the local residents of the baghouse project is scheduled for 7PM in the Lawrenceville Town Hall. Pat Carr and Melissa Dimas of the EPA Region II Communications Division are coordinating arrangements with local government. OSCs distributed more than 100 flyers announcing the meeting to houses in the immediate vicinity of the Site.

Analytical results of two grab-samples from floor of occupied portion of Building #8 came back negative for asbestos; both less than 0.01%. Tenant in first third portion of building has been given sample results.

Planned Removal Actions

Planned removal actions at this time are to move the 9 baghouses to the staging area to be cleaned and processed, and to ship almost 400 drums of chemical wastes off-Site for disposal.

Next Steps

Attend public availability meeting with local residents and Lawrence Township officials. Ship drums of waste chemicals for disposal. Wash and vac floor in Building #8 to remove residual asbestos.

Key Issues

Informing the public about the upcoming asbestos remediation phase of the removal action.

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