

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

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**Subject:** Friction Division Products  
40 North Enterprise Ave, Lawrence Township (Trenton), NJ  
Latitude: 40.2728000  
Longitude: -74.7083000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	28	<b>Site #:</b>	XW
<b>Reporting Period:</b>		<b>D.O. #:</b>	031
<b>Start Date:</b>	6/26/2006	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	1/28/2007	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>	6/26/2007	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	NJN0002058677	<b>Contract #</b>	EP-W-04-055
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

#### **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 remobed as of May 29th, and removal activities have resumed. The week of June 11th is still tentatively scheduled for trucks to begin transporting the drums of waste chemicals 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.

A public availability meeting to inform the local residents of the baghouse/ACM project was held on May 30th in the Lawrenceville Town Hall, Carol Chamberlain of the DOH hosted the event. Pat Carr and

Melissa Dimas, EPA Region II Public Affairs Division, coordinated arrangements with local government.

ERRS contractor continues to construct negative air pressure enclosure in which the baghouses will be processed to remove the accumulated asbestos-containing material.

#### **Planned Removal Actions**

Continue construction of the negative air pressure enclosure, ship drums of waste chemicals for disposal, remove baghouses from foundations and move to staging area to be processed.

#### **Next Steps**

See above.

#### **Key Issues**

See above.

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