

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

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2007

From: Wing Chau

Subject: Initiation of Action

Capehart Mill Site

Fifth Street End of Canal, Norwich, CT

Latitude: 41.5325000

Longitude: -72.0539000

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	7/12/2007	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:		Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Assessment
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

The Capehart Mill Site is located on Fifth Street End of Canal in Norwich, Connecticut. On July 12, 2007, CTDEP responded to a report of an unknown oil sheen on the Shetucket River. In addition to CTDEP, Norwich Fire Department (NFD), the Connecticut Eastern Region Response Integrated Team, and the U.S. Coast Guard responded to this release. The responding agencies determined the oil release is coming from the Capehart Mill building. EPA OSCs Chau and Hatzopoulos were dispatched to the incident location to coordinate cleanup activities with local and state authorities.

Current Activities

On July 12, 2007, the Town of Norwich hired Clean Harbors to initiate cleanup activities. Clean Harbors attempted to recover the oil release with a vacuum truck. CTDEP collected an oil sample for PCB analysis. On July 13, 2007, CTDEP assumed cleanup activities. CTDEP hired Connecticut Tank Removal to continue cleanup actions, which include placement of absorbent booms to contain the release and investigating further into the source of release.

CTDEP's investigation revealed that two transformers within the building compound had been vandalized and their contents had been released onto the ground. It is unclear whether this was the source of the release to the Shetucket River. In addition, CTDEP and its contractor removed two bulging 55-gallon drums from the facility. Further investigation into the building will be limited due to the structural instability of the building.

Planned Removal Actions

CTDEP will continue its efforts to locate the source of release as well as maintaining the absorbent booms. CTDEP and EPA will make attempts to locate the owner of the facility.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$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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