

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

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**Subject:** U.S. EPA Initiates Baseline Sampling  
I-35W Mississippi River Bridge Collapse  
Minneapolis, MN  
Latitude: 44.9789000  
Longitude: -93.2450000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	4	<b>Site #:</b>	B5KZ
<b>Reporting Period:</b>		<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	8/1/2007	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	8/3/2007	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Assessment
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>		<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

**Site Description**

See Pol Rep #1.

**Current Activities**

On Friday, August 10, as requested by the Minnesota Pollution Control, the U. S. EPA initiated a round of baseline air sampling. This round will last 3 days, Friday to Sunday. The purpose is to establish an air quality baseline. Once the aggressive demolition of the bridge begins, EPA will take additional air samples to determine the impact of such activities, if any. Please see the Documents Section for a copy of the Draft Sampling Plan.

**Planned Removal Actions**

Complete this round of air samples and be prepared for additional sampling when the bridge demolition begins.

**Next Steps**

Complete 5 consecutive days of sampling during aggressive demolition, and submit the data to the State for evaluation.

Based on their evaluation, the State might adjust the frequency of the sample collection as well as the parameters to be analyzed for.

**Key Issues**

Access to the selected locations has been the biggest issue, due to security.

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