

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

Date: Monday, August 20, 2007

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Subject: Initiation of Cleanup
McAlester Mercury
1012 N. G Street, McAlester, OK
Latitude: 34.9432000
Longitude: -95.7796000

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	A6B4
Reporting Period:	8/20/2007	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	8/13/2007	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	8/14/2007	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #:	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

On August 13, 2007, a representative from Country Home Health Inc. contacted the McAlester Fire Department to report seeing mercury in the home of an elderly patient in McAlester, Oklahoma. The Fire Chief contacted the National Response Center (#845467) to make a formal report after visiting the residence and observing free mercury on the floor inside the house.

Current Activities

On August 20, 2007, the EPA responded to the site to initiate the cleanup. The EPA responded with an EPA OSC, 6 ERRS Contractors, and 2 START Contractors.

On August 14, 2007, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mobilized to investigate the reported release of mercury in the residence. The EPA verified this release and found that the levels were significantly above health based cleanup standards of 1 ug/m³. The results were as high as 80 ug/m³.

Planned Removal Actions

The EPA plans are to remove the mercury from the home in an attempt to achieve a less than or equal to 1 ug/m³ air level.

The initial focus is one bedroom and everything in the bedroom will be removed.

Next Steps

The response action will continue until the cleanup standard is met.

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