

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

**Date:** Monday, October 1, 2007

**From:** James Webster

**To:** Matt Taylor, USEPA R4, ERRB, Emergency  
Response Section Chief

**Subject:** Interim POLREP  
Circle Environmental #1  
170 5th Ave SW, Dawson, GA  
Latitude: 31.7731000  
Longitude: -84.4478000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	5	<b>Site #:</b>	A4RC
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	24SEP07 to 01OCT07	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	9/11/2007	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	9/10/2007	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	GAR000005439	<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

**Site Description**

The Circle Environmental #1 Site is located at 170 5th Street in downtown Dawson, Terrell County, Georgia. The facility consists of a brick/wood-construction warehouse measuring approximately 120 by 60 feet in size.

USEPA received a request from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to take action at the Site, on September 10, 2007. Reports from the State indicated is an inactive waste management facility that cleaned oil and solvent tainted wipe rags. The FOSC responded to the facility on September 10, 2007, met with local officials, and noted the following either through direct observation or through city and county officials:

- Approximately 300+ drums (later inventory fixed number at 532) of suspected wastes stored within the subject warehouse.
- Many of the drums carried labels indicating waste oil and oil sorbents, flammable materials, and tetrachloroethylene (PCE) wastes.
- Total airborne volatile organic compound (VOC) readings at the warehouse doorway were on the order of 8 to 10 parts-per-million (MultiRae).
- The warehouse is located within the downtown business district of Dawson, immediately adjacent to the City Hall and actually abutted a number of active businesses.
- Residential buildings are located within three city blocks of the warehouse.
- Local officials indicated that heavy solvent odors emanating from the warehouse was one of the factors that had brought the site to local and state attention.

The primary chemicals of concern, based upon container labels and from information gained from local and state officials and the former operator of the Site are believed to be waste oil, and tetrachloroethylene. Tetrachloroethylene is a CERCLA hazardous substance. Waste oil is treated as a hazardous substance for purposes of response actions under CERCLA.

Based upon his observations and findings, the OSC determined that conditions at the Site met NCP Part 300.415(b)(2) criteria for initiating a removal action. The action was initiated as a CERCLA fund-lead event.

**Current Activities**

During this reporting period, EPA completed sampling of the odd ball waste streams - i.e. those that didn't fit well into the five major waste streams for this Site.

EPA also completed overpacking all of the liquid waste streams to minimize the potential for a release to

occur while arranging for T&D.

### Planned Removal Actions

WRS, the ERRS contractor for this Site, will conduct weekly site visits during the next few weeks while EPA evaluates data and bids for T&D.

### Next Steps

EPA is awaiting analytical data from the sampling events. The data will be used to complete a hazardous waste determination for all wastes found on Site. After characterization, a disposal subcontractor will be selected to arrange for appropriate transportation, treatment, and disposal.

### Estimated Costs \*

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$125,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$45,000.00	36.00%
RST/START	\$40,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00	37.50%
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
USEPA - Direct (Region, HQ)	\$5,000.00	\$6,500.00	(\$1,500.00)	-30.00%
<b>Total Site Costs</b>				
	\$170,000.00	\$111,500.00	\$58,500.00	34.41%

\* 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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