

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2007

From: Jack Downie

Subject: Removal Action

Remacor, Inc.

P.O. Box 366, West Pittsburg, PA

Latitude: 40.9349711

Longitude: -80.3686583

POLREP No.:	71	Site #:	G3GM
Reporting Period:	10/09-10/10/2007	D.O. #:	03-04-015
Start Date:	9/15/2006	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	9/15/2006	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	PAD074965096	Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

EPA is continuing emergency removal actions at this site during the repackaging, transportation, and removal of flammable magnesium materials. Magnesium generators, who previously supplied Remacor with recyclable magnesium and magnesium alloys, are removing their materials from the site. Monitoring Wells have been installed to aide in accessing extent of contamination on site. Winters Performance Products, Inc. is currently making preparations to ship its product off site. MJ Metals of Bridgeport, CT, is coordinating with the EPA to be on site for drum identification and count. To date 16 generators have removed, or are in various stages of planning in order to remove, their material off site. EPA's ERRS contractor Guardian mobilized to site and will be maintaining a presence on site. EPA and PADEP officials continue to control access to site in addition to coordinating the activities of the various generators.

Current Activities

Personnel On-Scene:

10/09/07 EPA-1, PADEP-1, START-2, ERRS-8, MHF-1, Other-2 Security-1 (24 hr)

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Weather:

10/09/07 Low of 65° F, high of 75° F. Light Rain, 0.00 inches of precipitation, Wind W 6-9 mph.

10/10/07 Low of 51° F, high of 57° F. Overcast, 0.00 inches of precipitation, Wind WSW 10 mph.

10/09/07

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EPA's OSC Marjorie Easton was on site for oversight of all activities being conducted.

EPA's ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental Services continued to prep areas where they will be working. Guardian removed debris, trimmed grass in work areas, and removed a RAD drum from the area of the burn pile. ERRS removed all reacted material that could be removed from reaction pit. ERRS is waiting for their excavator to remove material that has hardened at the bottom of the reaction pond.

START was contacted by Mathieu Germain of American Iron & Metal (AIM) a PRP on site about AIM's plans of removing material while Von Roll America is in outage. AIM will resume shipping material to Magpro, Camden TN.

START assisted as needed, conducted written and photographic documentation, and monitored activities conducted on site. START demobilized for the weekend.

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EPA's ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental Services continued finished prepping the areas they will begin working in during the first phase. ERRS excavator arrived on site. ERRS also had bidders on site for the removal of the RAD pile. ERRS had 4 companies on site that will be putting together proposals for the eradication of RAD pile.

START had a consultant on site to help identify pallets of material that the tags were worn and illegible. START's consultant will also help to identify areas of concern and orphaned drums as well as any health and safety risk that may be on site. START's consultant has 35 years of experience at Remacor with 3 of those years as the Plant Manager.

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Next Steps

American Iron & Metal (AIM) will not be shipping material to Von Roll America for 2 weeks starting on 10/14/07. Von Roll America will be down for outage replacing bricks in their furnace, it is a planned outage. AIM expects to resume shipping material to Magpro, Camden, TN

Intermet is making plans to resume shipping their product off site.

Winter Performance Products, Inc plans to start removing their material the first week of November 2007.

MJ Metals (generator) is making arrangements to start removing their product in November, 2007.

EPA will continue to coordinate with magnesium waste generators for the safe and appropriate removal of the material from the site. EPA will continue to coordinate with all local, state, and federal agencies.

Key Issues

On the south side of Building #9, non-vented drums have been segregated due to reactions occurring during heavy rainfall.

Disposition of Wastes

Disposal Summary as of 10/10/07

Magnesium Turnings, Flammable Solid, Haz Mat:3,002,423 pounds

Magnesium Scrap, Non-Haz Mat:766,273 pounds

Total:3,768,696 pounds

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