

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

**Date:** Wednesday, October 17, 2007

**From:** Terrence Byrd

**Subject:** Initial Pollution Report

Lamar Life Building Mercury Spill

317 East Capitol Street, Jackson, MS

Latitude: 32.2994000

Longitude: -90.1831000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	1	<b>Site #:</b>	A4RL
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	October 16 - 17, 2007	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>		<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	10/17/2007	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>		<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

#### **Site Description**

The Lamar Life Building is reported to be a privately owned building being rented for use as a federal court. The building is located at 317 East Capitol Street, in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi.

On October 16, 2007, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MSDEQ) requested EPA assistance in assessment and monitoring of cleanup activities at the Site. Reportedly approximately 1.5 cups (about 11 lbs) of mercury had been spilled within the building from an overturned trash can. The source of the mercury was unknown at the time of the report. MSDEQ reported that approximately 75 people had been evacuated from the building, and the building owner had employed a cleanup contractor to mitigate the spill.

OSC Terrence Byrd was dispatched to provide assistance and oversight. START contractor support was also deployed.

#### **Current Activities**

EPA has began screening and assessment activities at the Site and has met with the building owner and MSDEQ personnel. On October 17, 2007, OSC Perry Gaughan and additional START support was deployed to assist OSC Byrd.

#### **Planned Removal Actions**

Planned activities include assessment of the building and screening of personnel that were inside the building at the time of the spill. Further action will take place contingent upon the outcome of these activities.

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