

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

Date: Monday, January 14, 2008

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Subject: Removal Action
Remacor, Inc.
P.O. Box 366, West Pittsburg, PA
Latitude: 40.9349711
Longitude: -80.3686583

POLREP No.:	98	Site #:	G3GM
Reporting Period:	1/12-1/14/08	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. Internet has suspended shipping material until further notice. SPX Contech will be repackaging its material in preparation to ship it off site.

EPA's ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) is preparing to ship RAD drums which are located in Building #9. ERRS will be relocating the drums to Buildings 7 & 9 for staging. PADEP is providing technical and oversight support at the site. EPA START contractor TechLaw is providing technical and administrative support to EPA as well as doing a full site assessment. EPA and PADEP officials continue to control access to the site in addition to coordinating the activities of the various generators.

Current Activities

Personnel On-Scene:

01/12/08 START-1, ERRS-8, Security-1 (24 hr)

01/14/08 EPA-1, START-2, ERRS-8, Others-4, Security-1 (24 hr)

Weather:

01/12/08 Low of 34° F, high of 40° F. Overcast, 0.00 inches of precipitation, wind W 3-6 mph.

01/14/08 Low of 26° F, high of 30° F. Light Snow, 0.00 inches of precipitation, wind WSW 9-10 mph.

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START attended the morning safety meeting held by ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc. ERRS continued to sift and react materials taken from the burn pile on slab #3. ERRS also prepared to start moving RAD drums from Building #2 to Buildings 7 & 9 where they will be staged until shipment.

START mobilized to site to assist the EPA as needed, conduct written/photographic documentation, and monitor activities conducted on site.

01/14/08

EPA's OSC Jack Downie mobilized to site to oversee sight activities.

START attended the morning safety meeting held by ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc. ERRS started sifting fire debris, but had to stop because the material was too wet. ERRS started removing lime from the east side of the DeOxSulf building and reacting it. ERRS completed cleaning the room on

the north east corner of building #2.

START mobilized to site and assisted the EPA in conducting written/photographic documentation, and monitoring activities conducted on site.

Next Steps

No PRP activity is presently occurring on site.

ERRS plans to stage RAD drums in Building 7 & 9 for future disposal.

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

Drums that have wet magnesium fines that are not properly vented pose a threat of combustion and or explosion. One drum has already exploded and caught fire. Efforts are underway to stabilize these drums that are staged on the truck-scale slab at the site. These drums will be vented remotely with an excavator and drum spike. Once properly vented new lids with one way pressure relief valves will be installed. This operation will occur when drier weather prevails.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup TDD -1	\$575,000.00	\$496,480.00	\$78,520.00	13.66%
ERRS - Cleanup TDD -2	\$1,875,000.00	\$951,621.00	\$923,379.00	49.25%
RST/START	\$482,980.00	\$203,788.00	\$279,192.00	57.81%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$2,932,980.00	\$1,651,889.00	\$1,281,091.00	43.68%

* 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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