

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

Date: Monday, February 4, 2008

From: Robert Wise

Subject: Continuation of Cleanup

Greka Bell Lease 3

6801 Palmer Road, Santa Maria, CA

Latitude: 34.8279500

Longitude: -120.3254400

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	
Reporting Period:	02/02-03/2008	D.O. #:	
Start Date:		Response Authority:	OPA
Mob Date:	1/29/2008	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:		Reimbursable Account #	
FPN#	E08906		

Current Activities

Greka completed the removal of the corroded pipe from the pond. Exploratory excavations around the pond did not detect any free subsurface oil. Greka closed the holes and placed boom around the excavation to prevent any release of residual oil still in the soil in preparation for rain. Greka placed berms along the creek to prevent any residual oil from entering the creek during the forecasted rain event.

ACTI continued cleanup operations in the creek. Most of the gross contamination has been removed.

During the February 2, 2008 Area Command meeting, Greka informed the Command staff that they would be placing pumps at the dam at intersection of Palmer Road and Dominion Road to help prevent the dams from breaching during that evening's rain event and oil migrating further down the creek. On the morning of February 3, 2008, ACTI notified EPA that the dam had been breached and damaged during the previous night's rain. Greka had not placed the pumps at the dam to help prevent this as they had committed to. ACTI repaired the dam. The breach caused heavy sheen to migrate further down the creek. EPA secured permission of the land owner on the adjacent property and ACTI placed oil collection pom-pom and sorbent booms further down the creek past the dam to assist in the collection of oil. Additional cleanup operations may be needed after the flow in the creek has slowed down.

Planned Removal Actions

1. Decontamination of the creek
2. Removal of sediment from the produce water pond.
3. Confirmation sampling of the creek.

Next Steps

1. The cleanup of the creek will be completed including any sections freshly impacted.

Key Issues

1. Removal of the sediment from the pond. The sediment must be disposed of off-site unless Greka secures permission from Santa Barbara Co. Fire Department (SBCoFD) and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to reuse the material for beneficial reuse. This permission must be presented to EPA in writing.
2. Greka's consultant must prepare and present a post-removal sampling plan for approval to EPA and SBCoFD.