

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Friday, March 28, 2008

From: Ann Breslin

Subject: Strube, Inc.

Marietta, Columbia, Mt Joy, Maytown, PA

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POLREP No.:	15	Site #:	A3KH
Reporting Period:	3/19-3/28/08	D.O. #:	
Start Date:		Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:		Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
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Site Description

Strube, Inc. is an aircraft instrument sales and refurbishment contractor with a main office in Marietta, Pennsylvania. The founder of Strube, Inc. (now deceased) had purchased large quantities of military surplus aircraft parts beginning soon after the end of World War II. As the company's inventory grew, Strube purchased additional warehouse space in several nearby communities. Currently, Strube owns warehouses on seven properties located in the towns of Marietta, Columbia, Maytown, and Mt. Joy, all located in Lancaster County.

Current Activities

EPA continues to provide security and a fire watch until the threat is mitigated. EPA received permission from Federal Court to begin site removal activities in all warehouses on Thursday February 21, 2008.

ERRS radiation subcontractor completed Health and Safety assessment sampling and began to package radioactive materials into drums for shipment. Approximately 30 drums were packaged between March 21 and March 28.

ERRS radiation subcontractor secured and packaged glass vials of radium containing powder discovered during the RERT sampling event in one Marietta warehouse. One metal shelf located in one of the Columbia warehouses was also packaged for disposal due to the presence of removable contamination.

The EPA issued a Unilateral Order to Strube for Decommissioning of 2 Marietta Warehouses. The effective date of the Order was March 17, 2008. To date Strube has complied with the Order. EPA continues to coordinate its field activities with Strube.

EPA continues to hold weekly Unified Command meetings at the site command post. The next meeting will be held on 4/2.

Planned Removal Actions

Packaging and removal of radium containing items will continue in the Columbia warehouse.

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