

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Monday, April 7, 2008

From: Jack Downie

Subject: Removal Action

Remacor, Inc.

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Latitude: 40.9349711

Longitude: -80.3686583

POLREP No.:	126	Site #:	G3GM
Reporting Period:	4/5-4/7/08	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 will be on site to begin shipping material the 3rd week of April. SPX Contech will be repackaging the remainder of its material in preparation to ship it off site when weather will allow. Hitchcock Industries contacted the EPA and plans to start repacking and shipping its product the 3rd week of April.

EPA's ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) has completed reacting drums and sacks of lime mag Building #2 and from Building #8. ERRS also completed reacting drums group 14 and 23 staged outside and marked as residual waste. ERRS is now reacting drums staged in Building #9 marked as residual waste. PADEP is providing technical and oversight support at the site. EPA START contractor TechLaw is providing technical and administrative support to the EPA. 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:

04/05/08 START-1, ERRS-8, Security-1 (24 hr)

04/07/08 EPA-1, START-1, ERRS-7, Other-5, Security-1 (24 hr)

Weather:

04/05/08 Low of 22° F, high of 42° F. Clear, 0.00inches of precipitation, wind NNE 5-11 mph.

04/07/08 Low of 40° F, high of 61° F. Overcast, 0.00 inches of precipitation, Variable 4-8 mph.

04/05/08

Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities, areas of concern / safety issues associated with the day's activities. ERRS continued reacting material from Building #9 marked as residual waste. At 1145 a pile of material being removed from a drum on the slab north of the pit caught fire ERRS controlled the fire that lasted about 4 minutes. There were also fires in the pit and the material gave off gasses ERRS added water and stirred the pit as needed. To date ERRS has reacted 1,583 drums of residual waste.

START assisted as needed and conducted written/photographic documentation. START demobilized.

04/07/08

EPA's Senior Site Administrative Officer for the Removal Program Rich Messimer mobilized to site for administrative oversight. Rich Messimer demobilized.

Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities, areas of concern and safety issues associated with the day's activities. ERRS did not react material today because the material previously dumped in the pit on 4/03/08 did not appear to be completed reacting. The water which had been added when the material was originally put in the pit had evaporated. ERRS took half of the material out of the pit and applied water and mixed the material and water. While putting the remainder of the material in the pit a small fire occurred on the pad north of the reaction pit. ERRS spread the material for a controlled burn and when it was safe to do so, put the remainder of the material into the pit.

START mobilized to site assisted the EPA as needed and conducted written/photographic documentation.

Next Steps

MHF who will be contracting for Hitchcock, Internet, and SPX Contech plans to be on site the 3rd week of April to resume shipping material off site.

No PRP activity is presently occurring on site. PRP removal action has been suspended until the middle of April.

National Machine Company has submitted a work/safety plan to the EPA and plans to begin work the week of 4/14/08.

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

None

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