

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

**Date:** Friday, May 2, 2008

**From:** Ann Breslin

**Subject:** Strube, Inc.

Marietta, Columbia, Mt Joy, Maytown, PA

Latitude: 40.0699055

Longitude: -76.5444915

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	17	<b>Site #:</b>	A3KH
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	4/11-5/1/2008	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>		<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>		<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>		<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

**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 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.

ERRS radiation subcontractor has packaged a total of 235 drums. On 4/30/08, 120 drums, 3 cy boxes of cardboard and 6 bags of PPE were shipped from Warehouse #2 in Columbia. Approximately 35 drums remain at Warehouse #2 and will be shipped in late May 2008. Radiation subcontractors have completed 3/4 of first floor sweep of Columbia Warehouse #2.

On April 30, R3 Regional Safety and radiation personnel toured warehouse #2 in Columbia, the Maytown warehouse and viewed contractor activities.

The presence of Thorium-232 glass, contained in military cameras lenses, was confirmed on 5/1. EPA will evaluate disposal options for this material. Mercury containing items have been identified in both warehouses. Strube has indicated that the company will handle the disposal of these items.

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. Decommissioning of the Marietta Warehouses will commence on May 5. EPA continues to coordinate its field activities with Strube.

EPA continues to hold bi-monthly Unified Command meetings at the site command post. The next meeting will be held on 5/20.

**Planned Removal Actions**

Packaging and removal of radium containing items will continue in the Columbia warehouses. A shipment of drums, cardboard and PPE from Columbia Warehouse #1 will take place on Tuesday May 6.

Following the shipment of materials from Warehouse #1, the third sweep of the warehouse will commence. Packaging of radium contaminated items from Warehouse #2 will continue.

