

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

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Subject: VT Mill Properties Site
Vermont Mill Properties
160-180 Benmont Avenue, Bennington, VT
Latitude: 42.8844000
Longitude: -73.2022000

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	01EQ
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	4/7/2008	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	4/7/2008	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	CTN000105857	Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

The Site is located on approximately 12.2 acres. The mill building houses several active businesses, including a health club, lawyer's offices, magazine publisher and a social services office. Mace is an active business located within the mill building that manufactures and distributes mace and pepper spray products. Mace produces waste from the testing of its products and is currently storing drums and containers of waste in sections of the mill identified on a schematic developed for the mill as locations #2967, 3048 and 3143, also referred to as Space 3 and Space 4. The section of the mill identified as Space 3 and Space 4 does not appear to be structurally sound and may require a determination by a qualified engineer to ensure safety of people working in this section of the mill.

The site is bounded to the north, south and east by mostly residential properties and several businesses, and to the west by the Walloomsac River.

According to the EPA Region 1 Environmental Justice Mapping Tool, the Site is located in a low income environmental justice area.

Current Activities

Consult with the PRP regarding deadlines for development and submission of required work plans as outlined in the Agreement on Consent (AOC) signed in March 2008.

Planned Removal Actions

Assess, sample, consolidate and remove drums and containers of waste labeled flammable, toxic, reactive, corrosive, explosive chemicals, oil and oily material. Relocate or dispose of approximately 55,000 pounds of 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile. Coordinate with other Federal agencies, as necessary, regarding sampling, transport and/or disposal of the CS-1 material.

Next Steps

Review and approve work plans submitted by the PRP before commencement of removal activities. Plan to mobilize to the site with a START contractor to oversee removal activities.

Key Issues

The site is located in a residential area which includes several sensitive receptors (compromised respiratory system, elderly, children) and is within 100 ft of the Walloomsac River. The site is located in an environmental justice area.

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