

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Strube, Inc.

Marietta, Columbia, Mt Joy, Maytown, PA

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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 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.

A sixth shipment of waste was completed on June 3, 2008.

EPA has finished response activities in the first Columbia Warehouse. A total of 242 drums of radioactively contaminated materials were removed from the warehouse. The drum with high levels of radioactivity (found during the initial survey of Columbia warehouse #1) is stored in a secure area of the warehouse and will be repackaged for disposal by Strube's radiation contractor on June 10. Strube will Decommission this warehouse per State of PA regulations at a future date.

ERRS subcontractor is completing its final sweep of Warehouse #2. A total of 381 drums of radioactively contaminated materials have been removed from the warehouse. Following this weeks's shipment, a further 20 drums have been packaged for disposal. ERRS radiation subcontractors have begun sampling in the third Columbia Warehouse. Packaging of items from this warehouse is expected to begin during the week of June 9, 2008.

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. Strube has shipped 80 super sacks of radioactive waste from the Marietta warehouses for direct disposal. EPA continues to coordinate its field activities with Strube.

The EPA OSC will visit the Toxco facility during the week of June 9, 2008. Processed drums from Toxco will be landfilled in Hanford, Washington State.

EPA continues to hold bi-monthly Unified Command meetings at the site command post. The next meeting will be held on 6/24.

Planned Removal Actions

Packaging and removal of radium containing items will continue in Columbia warehouses #2 and #3. The seventh shipment of drums and other items will take place on 6/20/08.

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