

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

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2008

From: James Webster

To: jim mcguire, ERRB

Subject: Initiation of
Pooler Elementary Mercury Spill
308 Holly Ave, Pooler, GA
Latitude: 32.1211200
Longitude: -81.2522880

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	A4TE
Reporting Period:	6/11-17/2008	D.O. #:	0704-F4-0013
Start Date:	6/12/2008	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	6/11/2008	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	GAN000410218	Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

On June 11, 2008, Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) reported that a student brought to the school a jar containing mercury and released an undetermined amount in a classroom. GAEPD requested EPA to do air monitoring and assess if the mercury was a threat to the health of the students and personnel.

Current Activities

The intent of this polrep is to document that on 4:20 pm of June 17, 2008, Franklin E. Hill, Superfund Division Director, used his verbal authority to grant an additional \$250,000 to OSC Webster for the Pooler Elementary Mercury Spill Site. The additional funding is needed in order to continue with the emergency response actions that commenced on June 11, 2008. Based on the initial assessment conducted under the OSC's warrant authority, the impact of the spill is much larger than anticipated and requires additional contractor resources than originally estimated.

The spill has affected three rooms including a gym/cafeteria that held a school dance after the spill occurred. There is a possibility that many more students may have been exposed to the mercury than anticipated and this has prompted EPA to offer air monitoring assessments at the students' residences. This is being done as a precautionary measure.

Planned Removal Actions

Conduct air monitoring of classrooms and other areas in the school.

Determine if personal items (clothing, vehicles, etc.) may have been impacted by the mercury vapors.

Conduct air monitoring at residences and daycares of students and school staff that may have been in contact with the mercury.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	100.00%
RST/START	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	100.00%
Contingency	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	100.00%
Intramural Costs				

USEPA - Direct (Region, HQ)	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	100.00%
Total Site Costs	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	100.00%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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