

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Monday, June 30, 2008

From: Jack Downie

Subject: Removal Action

Remacor, Inc.

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Latitude: 40.9349711

Longitude: -80.3686583

POLREP No.:	157	Site #:	G3GM
Reporting Period:	6/28-6/30/08	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. There have been no further communications from magnesium generators, who previously supplied Remacor with recyclable magnesium and magnesium alloys. The EPA is making plans to repackage material to make it stable and accessible for the remainder of the generators who wish to remove their magnesium or a similiar quantity of orphaned material.

EPA's ERRS is preparing to repackage the remainder of orphaned drums on site. 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:

06/28/08 START-1, ERRS-7, Security-1 (24 hr)

06/30/08 EPA-1, START-1, ERRS-7, Other-2, Security-1 (24 hr)

Weather:

06/28/08 Low of 71° F, high of 82° F Mostly Cloudy, 0.00inches of precipitation, wind SW 6-14 mph.

06/30/08 Low of 61° F, high of 70° F. Light Rain, 0.1 inches of precipitation, WSW 4-9 mph.

06/28/08

Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities. ERRS completed mixing and repackaging RAD drums remaining in Building #2. ERRS removed drums from Building #2 into Building #9 in order to clear Building #2 to make room for drums to be repackaged.

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

06/30/08

USEPA Rich Messimer Senior Site Administrative Office of the Removal Program mobilized to site for administrative oversight. USEPA Rich Messimer demobilized.

Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities. ERRS continued to transfer drums from Building #2 to Building #9 to make room for the repackaging and staging of the remainder of material on site in Building #2. ERRS also moved drums located south of Building #9 to the field north of Building #8 so that they can be repackaged. Approval for Ceiling Increase for the Remacor Site was signed by the Director of the Hazardous Site Cleanup Division on 6/30/08. This will fund continued cleanup at Remacor Inc.

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

Next Steps

ERRS plans on starting to repackage the remainder of orphaned magnesium material on site the week of 7/07/08.

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

While cleaning and rearranging material in Building #9 ERRS came across 5-1 pint cans. Upon further investigation of the cans they were observed to have plastic bags which were submerged in oil. The bags held approximately 3-5 pounds each of what is believed to be Lanthanum which is often submerged in oil in air tight packages to keep air and moisture from making contact with the material. Lanthanum is the most reactive of the rare-earth metals and oxidizes rapidly when exposed to air.

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