

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

**Date:** Wednesday, July 2, 2008

**From:** Ann Breslin

**Subject:** Strube, Inc.

Marietta, Columbia, Mt Joy, Maytown, PA

Latitude: 40.0699055

Longitude: -76.5444915

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	20	<b>Site #:</b>	A3KH
<b>Reporting Period:</b>		<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.

A seventh shipment of waste was completed on June 24, 2008. A total of 777 drums have been shipped off site for disposal.

EPA has finished response activities in two out of three Columbia Warehouse. The drum with high levels of radioactivity (found during the initial survey of Columbia warehouse #1) was removed from the Columbia warehouse and was relocated to an area of waste storage. The drum contents will be disposed of during the next shipment made by Strube. Strube will Decommission all Columbia warehouses per State of PA regulations at a future date.

Mercury containing items have been identified in all three Columbia 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. EPA continues to coordinate its field activities with Strube.

The first 2 shipments of processed drums from the site have been 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 7/09.

**Planned Removal Actions**

Packaging and removal of radium containing items will continue in Columbia. The eighth shipment of drums and other items will take place on 7/09/08.

**Next Steps**

Following the completion of the last warehouse in Columbia, EPA will begin the cleanup of the Mt Joy warehouse.

