

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

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**Subject:** Frasier Paint & Paper Soil Site  
5 Logan Avenue, Glens Falls, NY  
Latitude: 43.3177167  
Longitude: -73.6527667

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	11	<b>Site #:</b>	YY
<b>Reporting Period:</b>		<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	8/26/2008	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	8/26/2008	<b>Response Type:</b>	Pre-Deployment
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>	8/26/2008	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Assessment
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	NYN000206215	<b>Contract #</b>	
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**Site Description**

In September, 2007, NYSDEC Region 5 rep. Mike McClean contacted the EPA Region 2 Regional Response Center and requested EPA assistance with an abandoned paint store in the City of Glens Falls, NY. The building had been acquired by the City through a tax foreclosure and the dangerous condition of the building was discovered by while the property was being evaluated for a Brownfields redevelopment Grant.

The building was located in the center of a residential area, adjacent to an elementary school and ball field. The materials inside the building were identified by DEC and Brownfields assessors as paint and solvents.

On September 20, 2007, OSC Eric Daly met with NYSDEC and City officials and performed a preliminary assessment of the building. OSC Daly observed that the roof structure was deteriorated and that approximately 1,000 rusted containers of paint and solvent were haphazardly stacked throughout the facility. EPA conducted air monitoring along the perimeter of the building, inside the premises, and along the school grounds.

The building consisted of: the main level, a basement, and an attic. The entire structure was unstable. The roof was dramatically bowed and perforated and the main room ceiling was collapsing. Containers of solvents and leaking/rusted containers of paint and unknown substances were located on all 3 levels and haphazardly stacked.

EPA was officially requested to conduct a removal action by the Mayor of Glens Falls, the Glens Falls Fire Department, and the Principal of Sanford Street Elementary School. NYSDEC issued a verbal referral of the site to EPA on September 20, 2007, and, based on the verbal referral, on September 20, 2007, ERRD Director G. Pavlou gave a verbal authorization to proceed with a removal action. A formal written referral was received by EPA on September 21, 2007.

EPA mobilized its ERRS contractors on September 24, 2007. Initial efforts concentrated on stabilizing the structure and identifying, and consolidating the containers. All hazardous substances were packaged into cubic-yard boxes, staged in Conex shipping containers in an adjacent parking lot, and shipped off-Site for disposal. On October 10, 2007 the removal action was completed.

The City demolished the empty structure in the fall of 2007, and hired a consultant to perform a Phase II soil analysis. On June 24, 2008, the City received a report which revealed the presence of elevated levels of mercury in the soil underneath the footprint of the building. Following the release of this report, EPA received a written request from the City for assistance in removing the contaminated soil, and a written referral of the Site to EPA from the NYSDEC for additional removal work was sent on 8/6/2008.

Inasmuch as the school year starts on September 3rd, the time frame in which to acquire additional samples/data, and then perform any needed removal work, is not enough to complete the work prior to the opening of school. Consequently, initial efforts will concentrate on inter-rim measures to secure the Site and acquire additional data. OSC Paul Kahn has taken the lead role in this phase of the removal assessment.

#### **Current Activities**

Draft Action Memo has been revised to reflect comments from various program offices, and is scheduled for final typing for concurrence.

EPA technical support contractor is completing a package of documents to be included in the Administrative Record file and a draft public notice which will inform the public of the initiation of on-Site removal activities and the availability of the Admin Record.

Arrangement have been made to have a branch of the Glens Falls Public Library act as a local repository for all relevant public documents relating to the proposed removal action.

The Action Memo should be approved within 10 days, and the public notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Glens Falls area.

The OSC has selected the contractor firm that will perform the removal activities, and has asked the contractor to begin preliminary planning for the removal action.

Additional public documents have been uploaded to the Frasier Paint (soil) Site.

#### **Planned Removal Actions**

Once the Action Memo is approved and funding allocated, the removal contractor will begin making long range plans for disposal of the three waste streams at the Site.

#### **Next Steps**

Complete the Action Memo concurrence process and begin the process of mobilizing contractor personnel and equipment to the Site.

#### **Key Issues**

The timely mobilization of removal contractor and personnel to the Site; publishing the availability of the Admin Record.

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