

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

**Date:** Friday, September 7, 2001

**From:** Gary Moore

**To:** Site File, U.S. EPA Region 6

**Subject:** Tropicana Energy Company, Inc.  
419 Somerset Road, San Antonio, TX  
Latitude: 29.3708000  
Longitude: -98.5381000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	3	<b>Site #:</b>	06FZ
<b>Reporting Period:</b>		<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	8/13/2001	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	8/13/2001	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>	TX0002369072	<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

**Site Description**

The Tropicana Energy Company, Inc. Site (hereinafter the "Site") is an abandoned fuel blending facility. The Site has been used for various petroleum refining and storage operations since approximately 1934. This Site and the adjacent R&H Oil Company, Inc. (hereinafter "R&H") Site share common historical owner/operator(s) and as such may also share in a portion of the environmental contamination located on the two sites. The Site consists of 11 Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs) and associated piping, and 27 drums. The key problem areas of the Site include the hazardous substances in the drums, residual materials in the tanks and piping, potential soil contamination, and free product on the shallow ground water.

**Current Activities**

Since August 27, EPA and its contractors have visually inspected the materials within the tanks, disposed of approximately 4715 gallons of contaminated water from tanks/drums, and have demolished 10 of the 11 Aboveground Storage Tanks.

**Planned Removal Actions**

The planned removal activities for the Site include the removal/disposal of materials in tanks, piping, equipment, and other containers; demolition of tanks, piping, and equipment; and, removal/disposal of any visibly contaminated soils.

**Next Steps**

The next steps will be to complete the demolition of the tanks, piping, and equipment; complete the removal/disposal of materials within drums; and, identify, consolidate and dispose of any visibly contaminated soils.

**Key Issues**

This Site is generating a significant amount of community interest in part due to the wide spread ground water contamination resulting from chlorinated solvent releases from Kelly Air Force Base. This Site is located less than 1/4 mile from Kelly Air Force Base. Preliminary sampling of monitoring wells located on the Site show free hydrocarbon products floating on the shallow ground water. Additional investigations will be necessary to determine the exact constituents and the extent of the plume. This Site is currently proposed to the National Priorities List (NPL) along with the R&H Site.

**Estimated Costs \***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				

<b>Total Site Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
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\* 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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