

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

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Subject: First & Final Polrep River City Marina, Chicago
River City Marina, Chicago
800 South Wells, Chicago, IL
Latitude: 41.8719000
Longitude: -87.6342000

POLREP No.: 1	Site #:
Reporting Period: 1/5/2009 - 1/8/2009	D.O. #:
Start Date: 1/5/2009	Response Authority: OPA
Mob Date: 1/5/2009	Response Type: Emergency
Demob Date: 1/7/2009	NPL Status: Non NPL
Completion Date: 1/8/2009	Incident Category: Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	Contract #
RCRIS ID #:	Reimbursable Account #
FPN#	

Site Description

On January 4 2009, Chicago Police reported a sunk boat at the River City Marina located on the South Branch of the Chicago River. U.S. Coast Guard called USEPA Emergency Response Branch on January 5 2009, 1115 hrs for action to remove the boat and address any oil spills (or potential of) into the Chicago River. USEPA OSC was onsite by 1300. Over the next two days USEPA OSC and enforcement civil investigator tracked down and contacted the boat owner and River City Marina and worked with them to ensure that they 1) installed and maintained a containment boom; and 2) hired a qualified contractor to conduct the removal as soon as possible. The boat was successfully raised by the owner's contractors on January 7, 2009, 1530 hours and subsequently towed to the Chicago Yacht Yard for repairs. The contractors suspected a bilge pump failure as the potential cause of the sinking. No oil spills were observed during the PRP led removal.

Current Activities

None

Planned Removal Actions

None

Next Steps

None

Key Issues

None

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