

**FEDERAL ON-SCENE COORDINATOR'S REPORT  
FOR  
BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE YARD SITE  
FAIRMONT, MARION COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
NOVEMBER 22, 1991 - MARCH 31, 1993**



**UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA**

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**REGION III  
CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL ACTION**

**PROJECT # 293  
FACT SHEET**

**SITE:** Big John's Salvage Yard

**SIZE:** Approximately 10 to 12 acres

**LOCATION:** Fairmont, Marion County, WV

**APPROVAL DATE:** November 22, 1991

**PROJECT DATES:** November 22, 1991 to March 31, 1993

**DESCRIPTION:** In 1984 through 1985, EPA conducted a Removal Response action at the Site during 1984 and 1985. In 1991, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources discovered drums and other vessels containing unknown materials that had not been addressed in 1984 and 1985. Following analysis on the contents of several of the drums and a report of a child being injured by material at the site, the OSC determined that an imminent and substantial threat was posed by conditions at the site and issued delivery order #3002-03-014 to initiate the over packing of the materials. A total of 129 overpacks of material from 12 waste streams was ultimately disposed of.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL:** Base neutral, organic & halogenated organic liquids; solids containing lead and/or cadmium; organic solids; oxidizing liquid and solid; solid acid; asbestos; flammable and corrosive lab packs; PPE

**QUANTITIES REMOVED:** A total of 129 overpacks of material.

**OSC:** William D. Steuteville

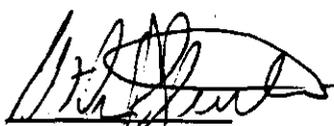
**REMOVAL CONTRACTOR:** Environmental Technology, Inc.

**DISPOSAL LOCATIONS:** See data table provided in Figure 1.

**PROJECT CEILING:** \$ 813,354, including \$ 494,878 spent during the 1984-1985 Removal Action.

**PROJECT COST:** \$ 695,801

**COMMENTS:** The overall success of this project was the result of good coordination between federal, state, and local authorities whose cooperation and participation effected a timely and efficient response.

  
William D. Steuteville

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**FOREWORD**

The OSC, as mandated in Section 300.415 (March 1990) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), is required to provide a coordinated federal response capability at the scene of a sudden discharge of oil or hazardous substance that poses an imminent and substantial threat to the public health and/or the environment. In addition, the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1986 (CERCLA) as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) promote a coordinated federal, state and local response to mitigate situations at hazardous waste sites which pose an imminent hazard to public health, providing a legal basis for federal response activities.

The presence of hazardous materials in deteriorating vessels at the Big John's Salvage Yard Site posed an imminent fire and explosion threat in addition to contact and ingestion threats to nearby residents and prompted a response action to abate the threat. Thus, the provisions of the NCP and CERCLA were implemented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 111.

The overall success of this project would not have been possible were it not for the cooperation received from the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Marion County Fire Department and Local Emergency Planning Committee. We would like to commend those involved for their efforts and professional handling of this pollution incident.



**William D. Steuteville  
On-Scene Coordinator  
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**I. INTRODUCTION**

**A. Initial Situation**

On November 21, 1991, U.S. EPA Region III OSC Jamie Fenske received notification from the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) of several abandoned drums of suspected ignitable solvents at the Big John's Salvage Yard, Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia. On December 10, 1991, a sampling assessment was conducted by the EPA's Technical Assistance Team (TAT). Numerous vessels were encountered, some of which were bulging. Also noted were several boxes of material labelled as asbestos, several fiber drums and a drum that contained capacitors.

Analytical results from the December 1991 sampling event indicated the presence of flammable and combustible materials, as well as several boxes of friable asbestos.

During April, 1992 the site was transferred to U.S. EPA OSC William Steuteville. A site visit was performed on May 05, 1992, to update the OSC as to the site's status. Based on the report that a resident had been injured, the hazardous materials present at the site and the unrestricted access to the site, OSC Steuteville approved the use of CERCLA funds not to exceed \$50,000 to mitigate the immediate threat. Delivery Order No. 3002-04-014 was issued to the Emergency Response Cleanup Services (ERCS contractor) in the amount of \$35,000 on May 16, 1992.

**B. Site Location**

The Big John's Salvage Yard Site is located on Hoult Road in Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia.

**C. Efforts to Obtain Cleanup from Potentially Responsible Party(ies)**

Because the State of West Virginia gained ownership of the property through default due to tax delinquency, no viable Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) response options existed to expeditiously secure and stabilize the Site.

**II. ROSTER OF AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS**

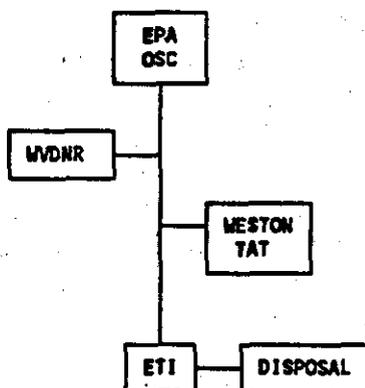
**A. Names and Addresses**

AGENCY	CONTACT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES
<p>U. S. EPA - Region III Western Response Section 841 Chestnut Building Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 597-6678</p>	<p>William D. Steuteville  Jamie Penske</p>	<p>Federal On-Scene Coordinators; coordinated site activities to the conclusion of the project. Mr. Steuteville took over site duties in April, 1992.</p>
<p>West Virginia Division of Natural Resources 1304 Goose Run Road Fairmont, WV 26554 (304) 366-5880</p>	<p>John Hando Joyce Moore</p>	<p>Responsible for overseeing scrap salvage operations at the site. Requested U.S. EPA assistance when drums of hazardous materials were discovered.</p>
<p>Roy F. Weston, Inc. 141 Waddles Run Road Wheeling, WV 26003 (304) 243-0800</p>	<p>Patrick Bishop Perry Gaughan Brian Burris Scott Rice</p>	<p>Provided OSC with technical support. Performed field screening analysis, site monitoring, documentation, and administrative support during removal activities.</p>
<p>Fairmont Fire Department 211 Monroe Street Fairmont, WV 26554 (304) 363-7620</p>	<p>David Wimer, Chief</p>	<p>Provided the OSC with local support for removal operations.</p>
<p>Environmental Technology, Inc. 3705 Saunders Avenue Richmond, VA 23209 (804) 358-5400</p>	<p>Steve LeGay Dawn Blevins</p>	<p>Removal contractor. Arranged for transportation and disposal of hazardous materials.</p>
<p>Chemical Conservation Corp. 653 Rocket Blvd. Orlando, FL 32824 (407) 859-4441</p>	<p>Patti Acocella</p>	<p>Disposal facility for one drum of corrosive liquid and eight drums of contaminated PPE.</p>
<p>Chemical Conservation Corp. 1612 James P. Rodgers Circle Valdosta, GA 31601 (912) 244-0474</p>	<p>Joann Vancey</p>	<p>Disposal facility for three drums of liquid hazardous waste and one drum of liquid flammable waste.</p>
<p>Clean Harbors of Baltimore, Inc. 1910 Russell Street Baltimore, MD 21230 (301) 685-3910</p>	<p>Michael Cameron</p>	<p>Disposal facility for 39 drums of flammable liquids and 10 drums of liquid hazardous waste.</p>
<p>GSX Corporation Route 1, Box 255 Pinewood, SC 29125 (803) 452-5104</p>	<p>Wende Elliot</p>	<p>Disposal facility for 46 drums of solid hazardous waste, six drums of corrosive solid material and one drum of oxidizing material.</p>

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AGENCY	CONTACT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES
S & S Landfill, Inc. Rte. 5, Box 559 Clarksburg, WV 26301 (304) 745-3234	Pat Stattler	Disposal facility for the 13 drums of asbestos material.
Laidlaw Environmental Services 208 Watlington Industrial Road Reidsville, NC 27320 (919) 342-6106	Harold Jackson	Final disposal facility for one drums of oxidizing material.

**B. Organization of the Response**



**C. Glossary of Abbreviations**

<b>CERCLA</b>	<b>Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act</b>
<b>EPA</b>	<b>United States Environmental Protection Agency</b>
<b>ERCS</b>	<b>Emergency Response Cleanup Services</b>
<b>ETI</b>	<b>Environmental Technology of North America, Inc.</b>
<b>FAO</b>	<b>Field Administrative Officer</b>
<b>LEPC</b>	<b>Local Emergency Planning Committee</b>
<b>NCP</b>	<b>National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan</b>
<b>n.o.s.</b>	<b>not otherwise specified</b>
<b>OSC</b>	<b>On-Scene Coordinator</b>
<b>POLREP</b>	<b>Pollution Report (report of daily site activities)</b>
<b>PPE</b>	<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>
<b>PRP</b>	<b>Potentially Responsible Party</b>
<b>RM</b>	<b>Response Manager</b>
<b>SARA</b>	<b>Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986</b>
<b>TAT</b>	<b>Roy F. Weston Inc., Technical Assistance Team</b>
<b>WVDNR</b>	<b>West Virginia Division of Natural Resources</b>

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### III. NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

After being notified about the site by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, OSC Jamie Fenske tasked the EPA's Technical Assistance Team to perform sampling on six of the drums abandoned at the site. The analytical data revealed that at least several of the drums found at the site contained flammable materials. Following the departure of OSC Fenske, OSC William D. Steuteville led site activities. OSC Steuteville subsequently activated CERCLA funding for the immediate mitigation of the threats posed by the materials at the site.

On May 18, 1992, emergency response contractors were on site and began initiating mitigative and removal actions. All drums and additional vessels that contained liquid materials were overpacked and temporarily staged in a secured area on site. Several boxes of asbestos-containing material were also overpacked. The entire site was scanned, including several piles of drums, for any additional drums that contained liquid hazardous material. All drums containing liquid product were overpacked and securely staged.

An Additional Funding Request was approved by the Acting Regional Administrator on September 11, 1992, for the continuation of site activities and for the analysis and final disposal of the materials at the site. At that time OSC Steuteville modified delivery order #3002-03-014 for \$245,000 with ETI of Richmond, Virginia, as the Prime Emergency Response Cleanup Services (ERCS) contractor.

From September 29 through October 2, 1992, the OSC, TAT and ERCS returned to the site to continue the overpacking, sampling, and field analysis of the materials at the site.

All parties again returned to the site on February 08, 1993, to complete the overpacking of drums that contained solid hazardous material and prepare the staged material for final disposal. On February 09, 1993, 62 overpacks of material were removed from the site for final disposal. The final 67 drums of material were transported from the site on March 8, 1993, for final disposal.

**IV. RESOURCES COMMITTED**

**A. Funding**

On May 15, 1992, EPA OSC William D. Steuteville obligated CERCLA funds not to exceed \$50,000 for ERCS, TAT, and EPA direct and indirect costs for the immediate mitigation and removal of the threat at the Big John's Salvage Yard Site. However, due to the amount of materials addressed, analytical services and the cost for final disposal of the material, additional monies were required.

On September 11, 1992, the Acting Regional Administrator, William Wisniewski, approved the additional funding request, setting the total project ceiling at \$813,354, of which, \$494,878 had been used during a removal action at the site during 1984 and 1985.

**B. Estimated Total Cost Summary**

<b>Extramural</b>	
ERCS	\$ 162,652
TAT	21,363
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Extramural Subtotal	\$ 184,015
<b>Intramural</b>	
EPA Direct	\$ 6,891
EPA Indirect	10,017
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Intramural Subtotal	\$ 16,908
Cost from 1983-1985 Removal	\$ 494,878
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$ 695,801</b>
<b>PROJECT CEILING</b>	<b>\$ 813,354</b>
<b>PERCENT OF CEILING EXPENDED</b>	<b>\$ 85.55</b>

**V. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REMOVAL**

**A. Activities of Various Agencies**

**1. Potentially Responsible Party(ies)**

No responsible party(ies) were identified.

**2. Federal Agencies and Special Forces**

Jamie Fenske and William D. Steuteville served as the Federal On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) for this project. OSC Steuteville took over as site OSC during April 1992. It was the OSC's responsibility to coordinate site activities, personnel, and contractors to the successful completion of the project.

**3. State and Local Forces**

The State of West Virginia was represented by John Hando and Joyce Moore of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR). WVDNR notified EPA of the incident and correlated response activities with OSCs Fenske and Steuteville. Their assistance was greatly appreciated by the OSC in the performance of this removal project.

**4. Contractors**

Roy F. Weston, Inc., Major Programs Division, provided members of the Technical Assistance Team from the Wheeling, West Virginia, office. TAT provided the OSC with removal support, including technical assistance, site safety and contractor monitoring, written, and photographic documentation of the site activities.

Environmental Technology, Inc., of Richmond, Virginia, was the Emergency Response Cleanup Services (ERCS) contractor responsible for supplying the manpower and equipment necessary to complete the project and perform actual removal operations.

**B. Disposal Methods and Quantities Removed**

A total of 2140 gallons of waste flammable liquid, n.o.s., containing xylene and tetrachloroethylene, flammable liquid, UN1993, and 550 gallons of hazardous waste liquid, n.o.s., containing cadmium and mercury, ORM-E, NA9189, were disposed of at the Clean Harbors disposal facility in Baltimore, Maryland.

A total of 55 gallons of waste corrosive liquid, n.o.s., containing sodium hydroxide and caustic soda, corrosive material, UN1760 and 440 gallons of hazardous substance solid,

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n.o.s., containing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) contaminated at the site were transported to the Orlando, Florida, facility of Chemical Conservation Corporation. A total of 165 gallons of hazardous waste liquid, n.o.s., containing benzene and lead, ORM-E, NA9189 and 55 gallons of waste flammable liquid, n.o.s., containing oil, mineral oil, flammable liquid, UN1993, were transported to the Chemical Conservation Corporation, Valdosta, Georgia, facility for final disposal.

A total of 85 gallons of an oxidizer, n.o.s., containing chromium, selenium, benzene and tetrachloroethylene, UN1479 and 250 gallons of an oxidizer, n.o.s., containing lead, UN1479 were transported to the Laidlaw Environmental Services, Reidsville, North Carolina, facility.

A total of 9500 pounds of hazardous waste solid, n.o.s., containing cadmium, ORM-E, NA9189; 1500 pounds of corrosive solid, n.o.s., containing cadmium, corrosive material, UN1759; 1,800 pounds of hazardous waste solid, n.o.s., containing cadmium and lead, ORM-E, NA9189, were transported to the GSX Services of South Carolina, Pinewood, SC, facility for disposal.

Thirty-nine cubic yards of asbestos were disposed of at the S & S Landfill in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

MANIFEST NUMBER	DATE SHIPPED	# OF DRUMS	AMOUNT	WASTE CODE(S)
0387680	02/10/93	39	2145 GALS.	D001, D006, D008 D010, D018, D039
0387680	02/10/93	10	550 GALS.	D006, D009, D010
93021	02/10/93	8	440 GALS.	N/A
93021	02/10/93	3	165 GALS.	D006, D009, D010 D018, D039
93021	02/10/93	1	55 GALS.	D001
93022	02/10/93	1	55 GALS.	D002
N/A	03/08/93	13	39 CU. YDS.	N/A
93309	03/08/93	38	9500 LBS.	D006
93309	03/08/93	6	1500 LBS.	D002, D006
93309	03/08/93	8	1800 LBS.	D006, D008
93308	03/08/93	1	85 GALS.	D001, D007, D010 D018, D039
93308	03/08/93	1	250 LBS.	D001, D008

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MANIFEST NUMBER	DISPOSAL FACILITY *	UN/NA NUMBER	DISPOSAL METHOD +	WASTE STREAM #
0387680	C.H.	UN 1993	F.B.	O.L.
0387680	C.H.	NA 9189	F.B.	B/N L.
93021	C.C.C.	NA 9188	F.B.	PPE
93021	C.C. OF GA.	NA 9189	NEUT.	H.O.L.
93021	C.C.C.	UN 1993	F.B.	F.L.L.P.
93022	C.C.C.	UN 1760	NEUT.	C.L.L.P.
N/A	S & S	.	L.F.	ASBESTOS
93309	LL	NA 9189	T/L	H.W.S.
93309	LL	UN 1759	T/L	W.C.S.
93309	LL	NA 9189	T/L	H.W.S.
93308	LL	UN 1479	T/L	OXIDIZER
93308	LL	UN 1479	T/L	OXIDIZER
<p>* C.H. = CLEAN HARBORS OF BALTIMORE  C.C.C. = CHEMICAL CONSERVATION CORPORATION  C.C. OF GA = CHEMICAL CONSERVATION OF GEORGIA  S &amp; S = S &amp; S LANDFILL  LL = LAIDLAW</p>				
<p>+ F.B. = FUELS BLENDING  T/L = TREATMENT AND LANDFILL  L.F. = LANDFILLED  NEUT. = NEUTRALIZATION</p>				
<p># O.L. = ORGANIC LIQUID  B/N L. = BASE/NEUTRAL LIQUID  PPE = CONTAMINATED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING  H.O.L. = HALOGENATED ORGANIC LIQUID  F.L.L.P. = FLAMMABLE LIQUID LAB PACK  C.L.L.P. = CORROSIVE LIQUID LAB PACK</p>				

**VI. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

This section provides a synopsis of events as they occurred at the Big John's Salvage Yard Site derived from POLREPS, photographic documentation, and site logs. As POLREPS are maintained in the Region III Regional Response Center, they are not included as part of this report. Copies of POLREPS may be obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, as appropriate.

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**November 21, 1991**

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) inspectors Tom Blake and John Hando reported that several drums of suspected ignitable solvents and other hazardous materials were discovered at the Big John's Salvage Yard in Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia and requested assistance from OSC Jamie Fenske of the U.S. EPA Western Response Section. The site was defunct and purportedly owned by the State of West Virginia. A U.S. EPA removal project had been conducted at this site from July 1984 through April 1985.

**November 26, 1991**

TAT met with the WVDNR inspector (Hando) at the site to conduct a windshield assessment and to determine the number of drums to be sampled during a future sampling assessment. Approximately 12 drums were located throughout site buildings, many of which were bulging. Also noted were large piles of tree clippings. WVDNR reported that Asplundh Tree Service was responsible for the dumping of the clippings. It was observed that access to the site was completely unrestricted on three sides, and there was evidence that juveniles had gained access to site buildings and had frequently traversed the site.

**December 10, 1991**

OSC Fenske and TAT met WVDNR inspector (Hando) at the site to perform a sampling assessment. Upon arrival it was noted that one of the access roads to the site had been blocked by a pile of tree clippings. Mr. Hando informed the OSC that Asplundh Tree Service had been given permission to dump tree clippings on the site by a relative of the former property owner and had also been provided with a key to the access gate at the site. While at the site, an Asplundh truck arrived to dump a load of tree clippings. The OSC informed the Asplundh employees that they were dumping illegally and would not be permitted to dump any additional material.

TAT obtained a total of six samples from materials on site. One sample was taken from a 55-gallon drum of material labelled as paint; one sample of material labelled as anhydrous sodium sulfite; and four samples, including one of material labelled as asbestos, were taken from containers located in a small concrete block building. All samples were sent to Princeton Testing Laboratory, Princeton, New Jersey. A three week turn-around was requested for analysis.

As directed by the OSC, before departing from the site, TAT placed a padlock on the doors of the small concrete block building to restrict access.

**March 3, 1992**

WVDNR inspector (Hando) informed OSC Fenske that additional drums had been discovered during scrap salvage operations at the site. Salvage operations were being conducted through the WVDNR Pollution Prevention and Open Dump Program (PPOD).

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The OSC requested that WVDNR personnel sample, field test, inventory, and stage these additional drums.

OSC Fenske resigned his position with the U.S. EPA in April of 1992 and the site was subsequently transferred to OSC William D. Steuteville, Western Response Section, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

May 5, 1992

OSC Steuteville requested a site visit in order to be updated on the conditions at the site. TAT briefed the OSC as to the materials present in each building based on the sampling assessment conducted in December of 1991.

Eleven drums that had not been present during previous assessments were noted in one of the buildings at the site. Several of the drums contained labels bearing the address of Creative Label Company, 1172 Hoult Road, Fairmont, West Virginia, while others were addressed to Morrison Ink Company, 4801 160th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. During a conversation with WVDNR inspector Joyce Moore, the OSC was informed that these drums had been donated by the Creative Label Company for the transfer and temporary staging of materials that had been leaking from drums at the site. Ms. Moore stated that the transfer of these materials had occurred between March 17 and April 1, 1992.

One pile of drums that had previously consisted of approximately 20 empty drums had increased to approximately 120 empty drums. It was later discovered that WVDNR had been placing empty drums encountered during scrap salvage operations onto this pile.

Following the inspection of the site, the OSC and TAT met with WVDNR inspector (Moore) to discuss current and past site activities. Ms. Moore informed the OSC of reports of a child being injured following contact with some of the materials at the site. However, Ms. Moore could not substantiate the reports.

A deed search was conducted to determine ownership of the Big John's Salvage Yard. Records indicate that the property has been owned by the State of West Virginia since 1989 due to tax default.

May 8, 1992

TAT returned to the offices of WVDNR in Fairmont to check their files for information on the U.S. EPA removal project conducted at the site during 1984 and 1985. At this time, TAT was provided with the name of the child who had purportedly been injured by materials at the site and a contact at the child's school to establish the veracity of the report.

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May 15, 1992

OSC Steuteville issued Special Bulletin A document obligation of monies to mitigate the immediate threat posed to the public health and the environment by materials at the site.

May 16, 1992

OSC Steuteville issued Delivery Order Number 3002-03-014 to Environmental Technology, Inc., Richmond, Virginia, to initiate removal activities.

Under the direction of OSC Steuteville, TAT and the ERCS response manager (RM) mobilized to site. A visit to the Big John's Salvage Yard was conducted to familiarize the RM with site conditions. A work plan was eventually completed and awaited OSC approval.

May 17, 1992

The OSC and additional ERCS personnel mobilized to the site this date. After reviewing the work plan with TAT and ERCS RM it was determined that provided there were no significant problems, site work would proceed as follows: Remove and overpack all hazardous waste from the small dilapidated wooden structure and place overpacks near the staging area; clear the staging area of all solid waste in preparation for security fence installation; last, overpack and stage material from the office building and boiler area. ERCS searched the site, including two visible drum piles, for any fugitive drums that contained any hazardous material.

May 18, 1992

The OSC, TAT, and ERCS arrived at the site at 0700 hours. The work plan and site safety plan were reviewed and the daily safety meeting was held.

The OSC met with representatives from the Marion County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Fairmont Solid Waste Authority, Fairmont Fire Department, Fairmont Police Department, Creative Label Company, and Phillips Lighting.

The OSC and WVDNR personnel conducted a site survey and discovered approximately 70 drums that contained material, 10 of which contained liquids.

ERCS personnel cleared all solid waste from the staging area in preparation for the installation of a security fence.

ERCS overpacked all material from the dilapidated wooden structure and the office building and temporarily staged them. The removal of material from the small, concrete block building was initiated, with the remainder of material removed on May 19, 1992.

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**May 19, 1992**

Overpacking and temporary staging of hazardous materials continued. All materials previously inside site buildings were overpacked and temporarily staged.

Surveys of drum piles were initiated. Those drums that contained liquid product were analyzed with a photoionization detector and overpacked if a reading was obtained.

Alco Fencing of Fairmont was selected as sub-contractor for the installation of the security fence surrounding the staging area based upon its low bid.

The U.S. EPA Field Administrative Officer (FAO) mobilized to the site.

**May 20, 1992**

Installation of security fence surrounding the staging area was completed. Locating and overpacking of drums continued.

The OSC conducted an informational meeting at the site with representatives from the LEPC, WVDNR and the Fairmont Fire Department. The OSC provided each agency with a data package consisting of a brief synopsis of site activities, future plans, a brief listing of the analytical results from TAT and WVDNR sampling events, and phone numbers for the OSC, TAT, WVDNR, and EPA Public Affairs should an emergency situation arise.

**May 21, 1992**

The first phase of site operations was completed. As of this date, 94 vessels had been placed in the staging area for disposal, including 18 empty overpacks for use by WVDNR during scrap salvage operations.

All parties demobilized from site.

**September 11, 1992**

The Additional Funding Request was approved by Acting Regional Administrator William T. Wisnewski, for the amount of \$318,476. These funds were for the sampling, analysis, and final disposal of the staged material and to address any additional drums encountered during site activities. Subsequently, OSC Steuteville modified Delivery Order 3002-03-014 with Environmental Technology and scheduled personnel to mobilize to the site the week of September 27, 1992, for disposal sampling and to address any additional drums.

**September 29, 1992**

The OSC, TAT, and ERCS arrived at the site for sampling of the staged material. All material sampled was field screened before sample delivery to a laboratory for disposal analysis. Drums containing unknown solid materials were also sampled and marked.

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**September 30, 1992**

Sampling of staged material for field and laboratory analysis continued. Three additional drums that contained liquids were discovered, sampled and overpacked.

The U.S. EPA FAO mobilized to the site.

**October 1, 1992**

ERCS completed the sampling of the staged material while TAT completed field analysis of the samples.

ERCS delivered the 119 samples of unknown solids and liquids to American Environmental Network, Columbia, Maryland upon demobilization on October 2, 1992. Samples were to be analyzed for compatibility screening into respective waste streams and subsequent disposal analysis.

**October 2, 1992**

All parties demobilized from the site.

**October 23, 1992**

Analytical results from the 119 samples sent to the American Environmental Network, Columbia, Maryland, were received by TAT. The results indicated nine distinct waste streams.

**October 26, 1992**

EPA Headquarters requested that pre-SARA costs from the 1984-1985 Removal Action at the Big John's Salvage Yard Site be included with the costs from this Removal Action due to the \$2 million project ceiling.

**January 11, 1993**

The OSC signed the Request for Consent to Award a Subcontract following the selection of the transportation and final disposal facilities based upon low bid.

**February 7, 1993**

Under the direction of the OSC, TAT mobilized to the site this date to locate and mark drums containing solid hazardous materials and mark drum piles that needed to be searched.

**February 8, 1993**

The OSC and ERCS mobilized to site this date. TAT continued marking drums and drum piles.

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**February 9, 1993**

ERCS completed labelling and manifestation of the material scheduled to be transported from the site for final disposal. ERCS also began overpacking drums that contained hazardous solid materials.

**February 10, 1993**

ERCS continued overpacking and staging drums containing solid hazardous materials and preparing the overpacked material for transport and final disposal.

Chemical Conservation Corporation removed 13 overpacks of material from the site for transportation and final disposal. Four overpacks were destined for their Valdosta, Georgia facility, with the remainder going to the Orlando, Florida, facility.

Clean Harbors of Baltimore, Inc., transported 49 overpacks of material from the site to the Baltimore facility for final disposal.

A total of 62 overpacks of waste were transported from the site for final disposal on this date while 67 remain for disposal at a later date.

**February 11, 1993**

ERCS gathered, crushed and staged all empty drums found at the site. TAT inventoried the drums staged for disposal and documented that all 67 drums were accounted for and were labelled as per their respective waste streams.

**February 12, 1993**

All parties demobilized from the site this date. Disposal of remaining materials was scheduled for March 8, 1993.

**March 7, 1993**

Under the direction of the OSC, TAT and ERCS mobilized to the site this date to complete disposal operations on March 8, 1993.

**March 8, 1993**

Approximately 39 cubic-yards of asbestos were removed from the site for disposal at the S & S Landfill in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Laidlaw Environmental Services (LES), Inc., removed 52 overpacks of material for disposal at the GSX Services of South Carolina facility located in Pinewood, South Carolina. A second truck from LES transported two overpacks of material to its Reidsville, North Carolina, facility for final disposal.

All parties departed from the site this date. The OSC deemed no further U.S. EPA action was needed at the site at this time.

## **VII. SITE CONDITIONS AT COMPLETION OF REMOVAL AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Site Conditions at Completion of Removal Activities,**

This Removal Action was only designed to address the emergency conditions identified at the Site and did not address residual contamination, tar and glass piles at the site which may be the source of hazardous substances at and from the Site. Such potential releases were not assessed and evaluated. The OSC believes the Site would require further evaluation and may need additional cleanup before being considered for other uses.

### **Problems Encountered**

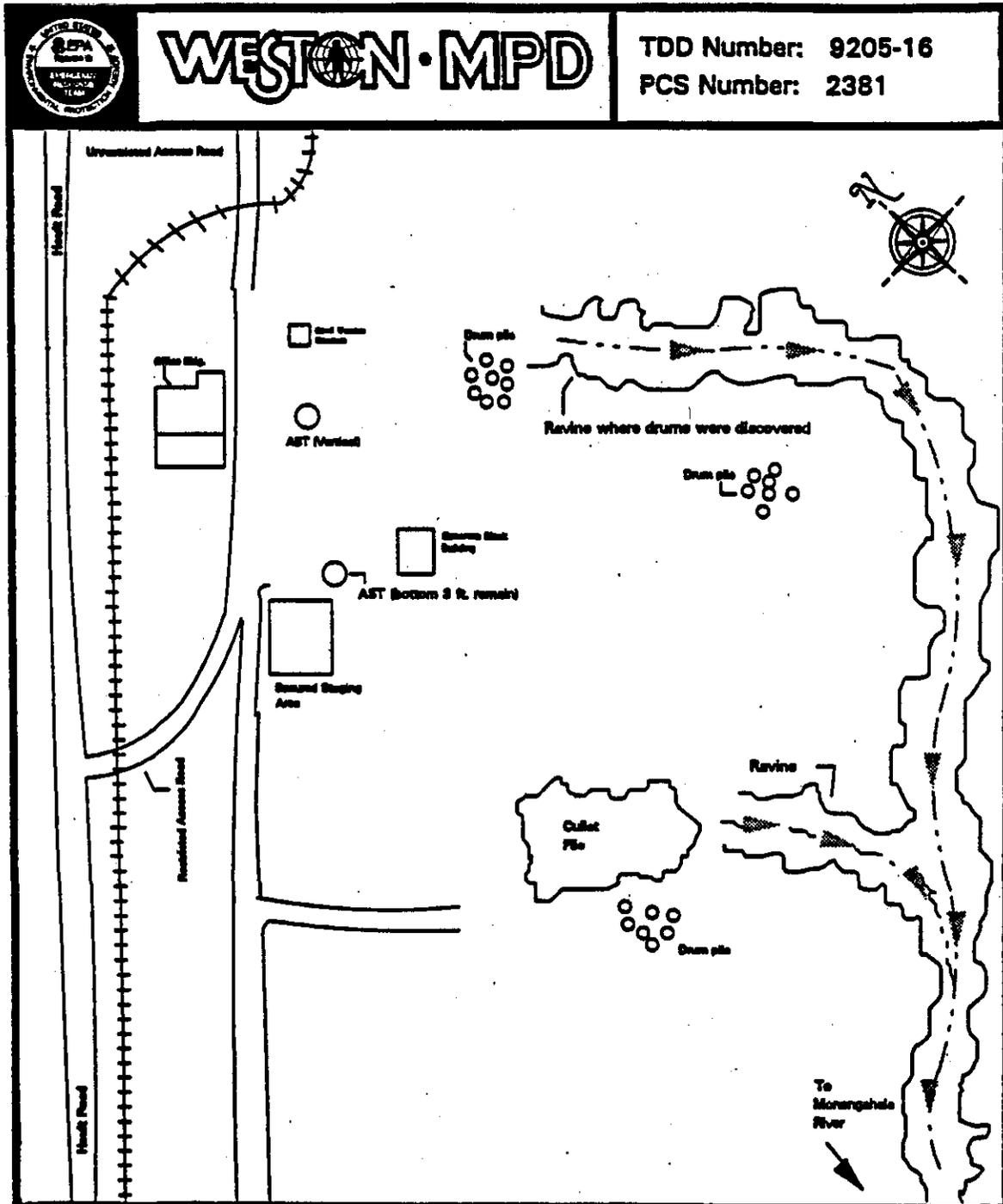
Manifest problems with the materials shipped from the Site on March 8, 1993, to the GSX facility in Pinewood, South Carolina, caused the entire shipment to be held by the facility upon its arrival on March 9, 1993, which led to additional costs being incurred. Tighter documentation of wastes being containerized and staged would assure better manifestation of materials for transportation and disposal.

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**A. Site Location Maps and Site Sketch**



**SITE SKETCH  
Big John's Salvage Yard Site  
Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia**

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**B. Funding Documents**

Special Bulletin A  
Big John's Salvage, Hoult Road Site  
Fairmont, West Virginia

**TO:** Regional Response Center, U.S. EPA Region III

**FROM:** William D. Stauteville, On-Scene Coordinator  
Eastern Response Section (JHW32)

**THRU:** Abraham Ferdas, Associate Director  
Office of Superfund (JHW02)

**THRU:** Dennis P. Carney, Chief  
Superfund Removal Branch (JHW30)

**THRU:** Charlie Kleeman, Chief  
Eastern Response Section (JHW32)

**DATE:** May 13, 1992

**SUBJECT:** Notification of 50K Activation  
at the Big John's Salvage, Hoult Road Site

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A child was recently exposed to and burned by chemicals abandoned at the Big John's Salvage, Hoult Road Site ("Site") by the previous owner and operator, now deceased. In 1984 and 1985, EPA expended approximately \$494,877.85 to abate the release of hazardous substances and the threat to the public health and welfare posed by such substances. Subsequently, the State of West Virginia, who acquired the Site through tax default, has been removing junk and other solid waste from the Site. During the cleanup of junk, drums and other vessels of chemicals have been located and uncovered which were not identified or addressed by previous Removal action. Several drums are leaking or damaged and unstable. Sampling has shown that many of the vessels contain hazardous substances, including but not limited to characteristic flammable materials. The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources ("WVDNR") has requested EPA assistance to dispose of the hazardous substances at the Site because an expeditious response action cannot be undertaken by the State.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The Big John Salvage Hoult Road Site is a defunct salvage yard on a 10-12 acre plot including several buildings in various states of deterioration. The site is located approximately two miles north of Route 150 in the town of Fairmont, West Virginia, within 1/4 mile of 15 residences and within 300 yards of an industrial facility.

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In addition, the Monongahela River, a major recreational resource for the State and a drinking water supply for the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, flows within 1/4 mile of the site.

Drums of hazardous substances are located in four of the structures situated on the site along with an asbestos material located in one of the buildings. Three cardboard drums of material labelled as anhydrous sodium sulfite are located in one dilapidated building on site. One of these drums had reacted with rainwater. The remaining two containers are in poor physical condition. Several bulging 55-gallon steel drums in various stages of decay, containing unknown materials are present outside of the buildings.

A CERCLA Removal action occurred at the site from July 24, 1984 through April 26, 1985. During this time 4,100 tons of coal tar waste solids and 18,500 tons of liquid non-hazardous waste were removed from this Site and disposed of.

**III. Threat**

An actual public exposure and subsequent harm has already occurred due to direct contact with hazardous substances, as evidenced by the incident involving a child burned by chemicals from the site. Direct contact continues to be the chief threat to the public health and welfare and that of the environment. In addition, there exists several other potential exposure pathways due to the presence of leaking and unstable vessels of unknown chemicals suspected of being or containing hazardous substances as well as materials identified as being hazardous substances. Access to the Site is unrestricted to Hoult Road which is a principle thoroughfare in the area and includes commercial and residential properties. The nearest residence is within 100 feet of the Site.

**IV. SCOPE OF WORK**

Emergency funds will be used to mitigate the threat posed by the Site. Pursuant to CERCLA and the NCP, the OSC has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to utilize 50K authority to immediately overpack leaking drums at the Site, cover and stabilize all vessels of hazardous substances and unknown chemicals in secure area of the Site and fence and post warning signs around such materials. This will stabilize the Site against unwitting exposure to hazardous substances pending procurement of funding for proper disposal. Such a secured area can then be used by WVDNR to store any additional drums and vessels that may be uncovered during the junk removal.

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The authorized budget for this \$50K removal is as follows:

ERCS	\$35,000
TAT	\$ 7,500
EPA (Direct)	\$ 5,000
EPA (Indirect)	\$ 2,500

V. OSC ACTION

Upon review of lack of available resources, and upon the request and recommendation of state officials, the OSC determines that an emergency threat to public health and the environment exists from conditions at the site. The OSC issued a Delivery Order this date for \$35,000 to mitigate the immediate threat.

Discussions with EPA Enforcement and ORC indicate that it is unlikely that previous owners and operators or generators can be identified. The current owner, the State of West Virginia, acquired the property through default due to tax delinquency. Therefore, there appears that no viable PRP response option exists to expeditiously secure and stabilize the Site. Future actions will include sampling and disposal of hazardous substances.

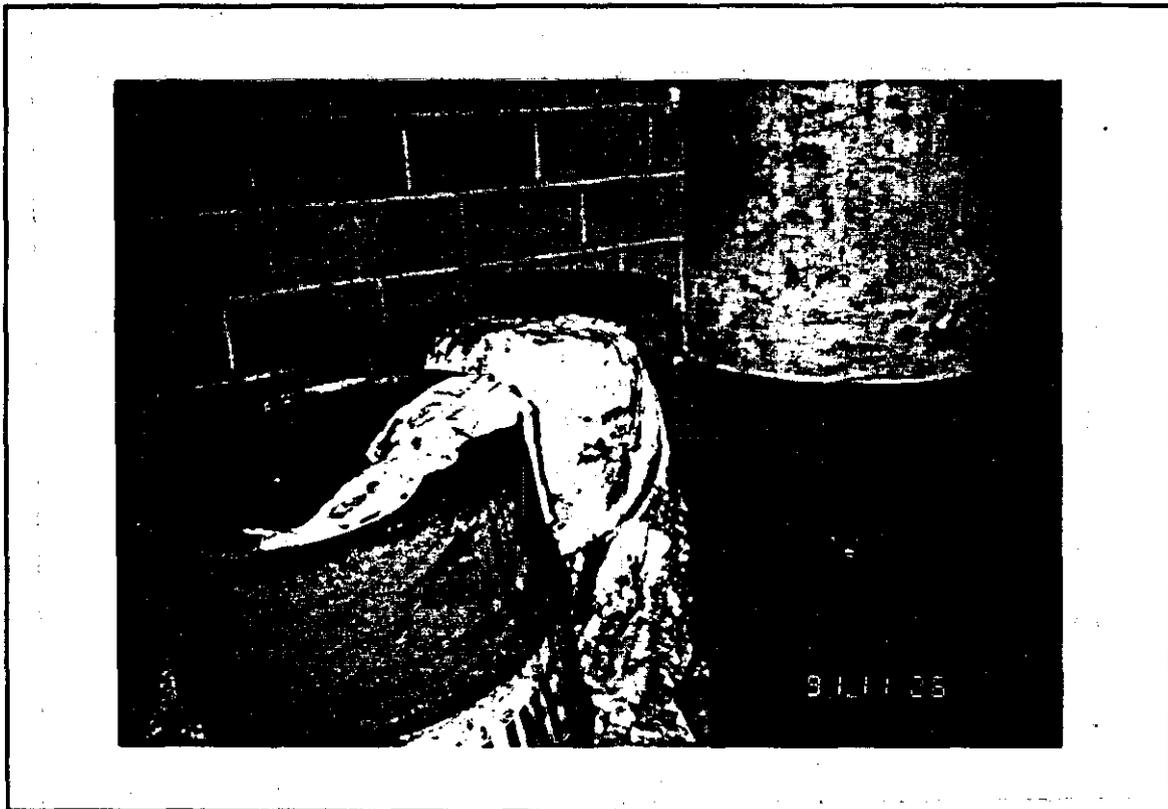
Because the conditions at this site meet the conditions set forth in Section 300.415 of the National Contingency Plan for an immediate removal, the OSC has initiated funding for this removal action.

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**C. Photo Documentation .**



**Photo taken on November 26, 1991, shows several deteriorated drums found at the site.**

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**Photo taken on November 26, 1991, shows several boxes of asbestos-containing material found at the site.**

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**Photo taken on May 18, 1992, shows ERCS personnel placing several small containers into a lab pack for disposal.**

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Photo taken on May 18, 1992, shows ERCS personnel preparing an inventory of drums found at the site.

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**Photo taken on May 19, 1992, shows ERCS personnel investigating abandoned drums found in a ravine at the site.**

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POLREP #19 & FINAL  
BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

HOULT ROAD  
FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554  
ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1993, 1200 HOURS)

A. ON MARCH 07, 1993 THE FINAL 67 DRUMS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL WERE TRANSPORTED FROM SITE FOR FINAL DISPOSAL.

B. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 08/12/93)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCs	\$152,102	\$245,000
TAT	21,363	25,000
EPA (DIRECT)	6,891	8,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	10,017	13,000
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CURRENT TOTAL	\$190,373	\$274,000
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 27,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476
MONIES SPENT FOR 1983-85 REMOVAL	\$494,878	\$494,878
TOTALS TO DATE	<u>\$695,801</u>	<u>\$813,354</u>

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. AS OF MARCH 07, 1993, ALL ITEMS STATED IN THE ACTION MEMO HAD BEEN ADDRESSED.

B. GENERATION OF FINAL POLREP AND DEOBLIGATION OF REMAINING FUNDS HELDUP DUE TO DELAY IN RECEIPT OF FINAL 1900-55 FROM ERCS.

III. FUTURE PLANS

A. TAT TO ASSIST OSC WITH DRAFT OSC REPORT.

B. OSC TO DEOBLIGATE REMAINDER OF THE UNALLOCATED FUNDS.

C. FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE OSC REPORT, OSC STEUTEVILLE FORESEES NO FURTHER ACTION AT THIS SITE.

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POLREP #18  
BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE  
HOULT ROAD  
FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554  
ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1993, 1200 HOURS)

A. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE, TAT AND ERCS MOBED TO SITE ON MARCH 07, 1993 FOR DISPOSAL OF THE 67 DRUMS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STAGED ON SITE.

B. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 03/09/93)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$98,500	\$245,000
TAT	21,333	25,000
EPA (DIRECT)	6,891	8,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	10,017	13,000
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CURRENT TOTAL	\$136,741	\$274,000
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 27,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476
MONIES SPENT FOR 1983-85 REMOVAL	\$494,878	\$494,878
TOTALS TO DATE	<u>\$631,619</u>	<u>\$813,354</u>

D. PERSONNEL ON SITE: ERCS-2, TAT-2, LAIDLAW-2, S & S LANDFILL-1

E. WEATHER: RAIN WITH TEMPS IN LOW TO MID 40'S.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. AT 0750 HOURS ON 03/08/93 TAT AND ERCS ARRIVED ON SITE. ERCS PROVIDED TAT WITH A SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE MANIFESTS FOR THE REMAINING MATERIAL STAGED ONSITE. ERCS INFORMED TAT THAT THREE TRUCKS WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT THE SITE, TWO FROM LAIDLAW AND ONE FROM S & S LANDFILL.

B. UPON INSPECTION OF THE MANIFESTS, TAT NOTED A FEW DISCREPANCIES; (1) THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE MANIFEST FOR THE MATERIAL SCHEDULED TO BE HAULED BY LAIDLAW TO TWO DIFFERENT DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND (2) THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE MATERIALS WERE INCORRECT.

- C. FOLLOWING SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH ERCS DISPOSAL COORDINATOR (BLEVINS) TAT WAS ADVISED THAT CORRECTIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY ON UNIFORM HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST # 93308 AND A NEW MANIFEST WOULD HAVE TO BE GENERATED FOR THE MATERIAL DESTINED FOR THE SECOND LAIDLAW TRUCK (CONSISTING OF 52 DRUMS).
- D. TAT WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE ERCS DISPOSAL COORDINATOR TO CROSS OUT THE ITEMS ON MANIFEST # 93308 THAT WERE INCORRECT. MANIFEST # 93008 WAS SUBSEQUENTLY USED FOR THE TWO DRUMS OF OXIDIZING MATERIAL FOR DISPOSAL AT LAIDLAW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, REIDSVILLE, NC.
- E. TAT COMPLETED A MANIFEST FOR THE REMAINING 52 DRUMS OF MATERIAL BEING HAULED BY THE SECOND LAIDLAW TRUCK FOR DISPOSAL AT GSX SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PINEWOOD, SC. TAT USED THE LABEL DESCRIPTIONS ON THE OVERPACKED MATERIAL TO COMPLETE THE MANIFEST. TAT OBTAINED A MANIFEST NUMBER FOR THIS MATERIAL (# 93309) FROM ERCS DISPOSAL COORDINATOR.
- F. AT 1100 HOURS TAT DEPARTED THE SITE TO MEET OSC STEUTEVILLE AT NEW STANTON, PA, TO SIGN MANIFEST # 93309. TAT THEN RETURNED TO SITE TO LOAD THE MATERIAL LISTED ON MANIFEST # 93309 FOR DISPOSAL AT GSX SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PINEWOOD, SC. BEFORE DEPARTING THE SITE TAT INSTRUCTED ERCS TO HALT ALL SITE OPERATIONS AFTER LOADING THE MATERIALS ON MANIFEST # 93308.
- G. AT 1200 HOURS THE TRANSPORTER OF THE TWO DRUMS OF OXIDIZING MATERIAL DEPARTED THE SITE FOR REIDSVILLE, NC, WITH MANIFEST # 93308.
- H. AT 1700 HOURS, TRUCK #2 FROM LAIDLAW DEPARTED THE SITE WITH 52 DRUMS OF MATERIAL DESTINED FOR PINEWOOD, SC.
- I. AT 1710 HOURS A DRIVER FROM S & S LANDFILL, CLARKSBURG, WV, ARRIVED AT THE SITE FOR THE 13 OVERPACKS OF ASBESTOS MATERIAL. THE DRIVER, WHO HAD ARRIVED AT SITE IN A PICKUP TRUCK, HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THERE WERE ONLY THREE DRUMS OF MATERIAL TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE LANDFILL IN CLARKSBURG. ERCS INSTRUCTED HIM TO DEPART SITE AND RETURN WITH A VEHICLE LARGE ENOUGH TO HAUL ALL 13 OVERPACKS. THE INDIVIDUAL RETURNED AT 1845 HOURS WITH A TRACTOR TRAILER, THE MATERIAL WAS LOADED AND THE DRIVER DEPARTED THE SITE AT 1910 HOURS.
- J. AFTER SECURING THE SITE, TAT AND ERCS DEPARTED AT 1915 HOURS.

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- K. AT APPROXIMATELY 1530 HOURS ON 03/09/93 TAT WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT OSC JARVELLA REGARDING THE MATERIAL SHIPPED TO THE PINWOOD, SC, DISPOSAL FACILITY. TAT CONTACTED THE OSC AND WAS INFORMED THAT THE 52 DRUMS OF MATERIAL WERE NOT ACCEPTED AT THE FACILITY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO SOUTH CAROLINA MANIFEST ACCOMPANYING THE MATERIAL, ONLY A UNIFORM HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST (# 93309). TAT GAVE OSC JARVELLA A LISTING OF THE MATERIAL THAT HAD BEEN SENT TO THE FACILITY (38 DRUMS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE SOLID - D006, SIX DRUMS OF CORROSIVE SOLID - D002 & D006, EIGHT DRUMS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE SOLID - D006 & D008) IN ORDER FOR OSC JARVELLA TO COMPLETE AND SIGN A SOUTH CAROLINA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST. A COPY OF THE SC MANIFEST WAS FAXED TO THE DISPOSAL FACILITY AND THE ORIGINAL WAS SENT VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION STATING THAT ALL THE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE APPROPRIATE TSD FACILITIES, THE OSC FORESEES NO FURTHER EPA ACTION AT THIS SITE.
- B. TAT TO DRAFT OSC REPORT DEPICTING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- C. OSC TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN EPA AND ERCS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS INCURRED DUE TO IMPROPER MANIFESTATION WITH EPA CONTRACTS PERSONNEL.

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POLREP #17

BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

HOULT ROAD

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1993, 1800 HOURS)

A. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE, TAT MOBED TO SITE ON FEBRUARY 07, 1993. ON FEBRUARY 08, 1993, THE OSC AND ERCS MOBED TO THE SITE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF DRUMS STAGED ON SITE AND TO CONTINUE OVERPACKING OF APPROXIMATELY 35 DRUMS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS WASTE SOLID MATERIAL.

B. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 03/01/93)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$95,500	\$245,000
TAT	20,120	25,000
EPA (DIRECT)	6,891	8,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	10,017	13,000
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CURRENT TOTAL	\$132,528	\$274,000
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 27,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476
MONIES SPENT FOR 1983-85 REMOVAL	\$494,878	\$494,878
TOTALS TO DATE	<u>\$627,406</u>	<u>\$813,354</u>

D. PERSONNEL ON SITE: EPA-1, ERCS-7, TAT-2,

E. WEATHER: SUNNY, TEMPERATURE IN LOW TO MID 50'S.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. AT 0650 HOURS ON 02/11/93 TAT AND ERCS ARRIVED ON SITE. THE OSC ARRIVED AT 0715 HOURS AND AFTER REVIEWING THE CONTRACTOR COSTS FOR 02/10/93 DEPARTED FOR AN SPCC INSPECTION AT THE GE PLASTICS FACILITY, MORGANTOWN, WV. THE OSC DEMOVED FROM THE SITE ON 02/11/93.

B. AT 0900 HOURS ONE TAT MEMBER DEPARTED THE SITE FOR A FOLLOW-UP SPCC MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FORT MARTIN POWER STATION. TAT RETURNED TO THE SITE AT 1300 HOURS.

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- C. SITE WORK INCLUDED GATHERING, CRUSHING AND STAGING ANY EMPTY DRUMS FOUND ON SITE. TAT CONDUCTED AN INVENTORY OF THE DRUMS STAGED FOR DISPOSAL AND DOCUMENTED THAT ALL DRUMS WERE ACCOUNTED FOR AND WERE LABELLED AS PER RESPECTIVE WASTE STREAMS.
- D. A TOTAL OF 67 OVERPACKED DRUMS REMAIN ON SITE: 38 OVERPACKS OF INERT SOLIDS, EIGHT OVERPACKS OF ORGANIC SOLIDS, ONE OVERPACK OF OXIDIZING LIQUID, SIX OVERPACKS OF SOLID ACIDS, ONE OVERPACK OF SOLID OXIDIZER AND 13 OVERPACKS CONTAINING ASBESTOS.
- E. TAT AND ERCS DEMOED FROM THE SITE ON 02/12/93 TO RETURN AT A LATER DATE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF THE REMAINING MATERIAL.

III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF THE REMAINING WASTE STREAMS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 08, 1993.

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POLREP #16  
 BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE  
 HOULT ROAD  
 FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554  
 ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1993, 1800 HOURS)

- A. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE, TAT MOBED TO SITE ON FEBRUARY 07, 1993. ON FEBRUARY 08, 1993, THE OSC AND ERCS MOBED TO THE SITE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF DRUMS STAGED ON SITE AND TO CONTINUE OVERPACKING OF APPROXIMATELY 35 DRUMS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS WASTE SOLID MATERIAL.
- B. UPON COMPLETION OF THE OVERPACKING AND STAGING OF MATERIALS AN ERROR WAS NOTED IN THE TOTAL DRUM COUNT FOR DISPOSAL. ERCS HAD INCORRECTLY COUNTED 28 DRUMS TWICE. THEREFORE THE TOTAL DRUM COUNT STANDS AT 135 DRUMS ON SITE: 15 WASTE STREAMS INCLUDING BASE NEUTRAL LIQUIDS, HALOGENATED ORGANIC LIQUIDS, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, OXIDIZERS, LAB PACKS, VARIOUS SOLID COMPOSITES, AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.

C. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 02/09/93)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$90,473	\$245,000
TAT	17,846	20,000
EPA (DIRECT)	6,171	8,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	8,991	10,000
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CURRENT TOTAL	\$123,481	\$274,000
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 35,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476
MONIES SPENT FOR 1983-85 REMOVAL	\$494,878	\$494,878
TOTALS TO DATE	<u>\$618,359</u>	<u>\$813,354</u>

- D. PERSONNEL ON SITE: EPA-1, ERCS-7, TAT-2, CHEMICAL CONSERVATION CORP.-1, CLEAN HARBORS-1, JACK'S SEPTIC SERVICE-1
- E. WEATHER: SUNNY, TEMPERATURE IN LOW TO MID 50'S.

## II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. ON FEBRUARY 09, 1993 THE OSC AND TAT LEFT THE SITE FOR SIX HOURS TO CONDUCT SPCC INSPECTIONS AT THE FORT MARTIN POWER STATION, MAIDSVILLE, WV AND THE RMF OIL COMPANY, MORGANTOWN/STAR CITY, WV.
- B. AT 0700 HOURS ON 02/10/93 THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS ARRIVED ON SITE. ERCS CONTINUED OVERPACKING AND STAGING DRUMS CONTAINING SOLID HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND PREPARING THE OVERPACKED MATERIAL FOR TRANSPORT AND FINAL DISPOSAL.
- C. AT 0900 HOURS A TRUCK FROM CHEMICAL CONSERVATION CORP. ARRIVED ON SITE. LOADED FOR DISPOSAL WERE 13 OVERPACKS; 3-DRUMS OF HALOGENATED ORGANIC LIQUIDS; 7-DRUMS OF PPE; 1 FLAMMABLE LAB PACK; 2 CORROSIVE LAB PACKS. FINAL DISPOSAL IS SCHEDULED FOR CHEM. CON. OF GEORGIA, EPA ID# GAD 093380814. COMPLIANCE FOR THIS FACILITY WAS PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED BY TAT FROM EPA REGION 4 REPRESENTATIVE (EDMUND BURKS).
- D. AT 1250 HOURS A TRUCK FROM CLEAN HARBORS ARRIVED ON SITE. LOADED FOR DISPOSAL WERE 49 OVERPACKS; 10 DRUMS OF BASE NEUTRAL LIQUIDS AND 39 DRUMS OF ORGANIC LIQUIDS. FINAL DISPOSAL IS SCHEDULED AT THE CLEAN HARBORS BALTIMORE FACILITY, EPA ID# MDD 980555189. COMPLIANCE FOR THIS FACILITY WAS PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED FROM EPA REGION 3 REPRESENTATIVE (SARAH CASPER).
- E. TAT ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN AN OIL SAMPLE FROM THE FOUR CAPACITORS STAGED ON SITE FOR FIELD SCREENING OF PCBs. THERE WAS NO OIL IN ANY OF THE CAPACITORS, THEREFORE PCB SCREENING COULD NOT BE CONDUCTED. THE OSC CONCLUDED THAT SINCE NO OIL WAS IN THE CAPACITORS THEN THE CAPACITORS POSED NO THREAT EVEN IF THEY WERE PCB CAPACITORS, WHICH IS NOT KNOWN, AND WERE TO REMAIN AT THE SITE.

## III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CRUSH AND STAGE ALL EMPTY DRUMS ON SITE.
- B. A DATE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF THE REMAINING NINE WASTE STREAMS YET TO BE OBTAINED.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE DOCUMENTING SITE ACTIVITIES AND MONITORING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF SITE PERSONNEL.

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POLREP #15

BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

HOULT ROAD

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 1993, 1800 HOURS)

A. ON FEBRUARY 08, 1993, THE OSC AND ERCS MOBED TO THE SITE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF 163 DRUMS STAGED ON SITE AND TO CONTINUE OVERPACKING OF APPROXIMATELY 35 DRUMS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS WASTE SOLID MATERIAL.

B. DRUMS ON SITE: 163 DRUMS; 15 WASTE STREAMS INCLUDING BASE NEUTRAL LIQUIDS, HALOGENATED ORGANIC LIQUIDS, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, OXIDIZERS, LAB PACKS, VARIOUS SOLID COMPOSITES, AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.

C. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 02/08/93)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$87,022	\$245,000
TAT	16,979	20,000
EPA (DIRECT)	6,004	8,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	8,802	10,000
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CURRENT TOTAL	\$108,807	\$274,000
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 35,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476
MONIES SPENT FOR 1983-85 REMOVAL	\$494,878	\$494,878
TOTALS TO DATE	<u>\$603,685</u>	<u>\$813,354</u>

D. PERSONNEL ON SITE: EPA-1, ERCS-7, TAT-2.

E. WEATHER: SUNNY, TEMPERATURE IN MID 40'S.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. FEBRUARY 7, 1993. OSC TASKED TAT TO MOBE TO SITE TO RELOCATE AND MARK ALL DRUMS PREVIOUSLY SAMPLED IN OCTOBER WHICH WERE DETERMINED TO CONTAIN HAZARDOUS SOLIDS. OSC ALSO REQUESTED THAT ERCS MOBE THIS DAY, BUT THEY DELAYED THEIR MOBE UNTIL 02/08/93.

B. FEBRUARY 8, 1993. OSC AND ERCS MOBED TO SITE. TAT CONTINUED MARKING DRUM AREAS WHICH CONTAINED HAZARDOUS SOLIDS AND ALSO AREAS WHICH CONTAINED EMPTY DRUMS.

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- C. AT 0700 HOURS ON FEBRUARY 9, 1993, OSC, TAT AND ERCS ARRIVED ON SITE AND BEGAN PREPARING FOR DISPOSAL. DISPOSAL SAMPLES TAKEN IN OCTOBER WERE PLACED IN THEIR APPROPRIATE OVERPACKS, ALL APPROPRIATE DRUM LABELING AND MANIFESTS WERE COMPLETED FOR SIX WASTE STREAMS, AND ERCS BEGAN OVERPACKING DRUMS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS SOLIDS.
- D. UPON INVESTIGATION OF THE DRUMS STAGED FOR DISPOSAL, ONE WAS LOCATED THAT CONTAINED TWO CAPACITORS. IT APPEARED THAT NEITHER CONTAINED ANY OIL. TAT TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AN OIL SAMPLE AND SCREEN IT FOR PCBs.
- E. ERCS NOTIFIED THE OSC OF PROBLEM WITH PROFILING ONE WASTE STREAM. WASTE PROFILES COMPILED BY ERCS STATED THAT THE MATERIAL WAS A LIQUID, HOWEVER, THE DISPOSAL SAMPLE RECEIVED BY CLEAN HARBORS WAS A SOLID. A REPRESENTATIVE OF CLEAN HARBORS STATED THAT IF THE MATERIALS WERE SOLIDS, IT WOULD COST AN ADDITIONAL \$7,000 TO \$8,000 FOR DISPOSAL. OSC STEUTEVILLE DISCUSSED THE CONTRACT/COST PROBLEM FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS AT THE CLEAN HARBORS FACILITY WITH RICH FETZER, CONTRACTING OFFICER. UPON THE ADVICE OF C.O. FETZER, DISPOSAL OF THIS MATERIAL IS TO PROCEED, ADDITIONAL COSTS DUE TO THIS DISCREPANCY WOULD BE FINALIZED AT A LATER DATE.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE OVERPACKING DRUMS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS SOLID MATERIALS AND PREPARING OVERPACKED MATERIAL (BASE NEUTRAL LIQUIDS, INERT SOLIDS, ORGANIC LIQUIDS, PPE AND LAB PACKS-(2)) FOR TRANSPORTATION AND FINAL DISPOSAL.
- B. A TOTAL OF 63 DRUMS FROM SIX WASTE STREAMS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM SITE ON 02/10/93 FOR FINAL DISPOSAL.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE DOCUMENTING SITE ACTIVITIES AND MONITORING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF SITE PERSONNEL.

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POLREP #14

BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1993, 1600 HOURS)

A. ON OCTOBER 02, 1992, THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS DEMOED FROM THE SITE AFTER SAMPLING THE MATERIAL STAGED DURING THE 50K EMERGENCY ACTIVATION FOR LABORATORY DETERMINATION OF COMPATIBILITY GROUPINGS AND PROPER MEANS OF DISPOSAL.

B. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 01/11/93)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$49,357	\$245,000
TAT	15,292	16,000
EPA (DIRECT)	5,702	8,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	8,370	10,000
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CURRENT TOTAL	\$ 78,721	\$274,000
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 39,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476
MONIES SPENT FOR 1983-85 REMOVAL	\$494,878	\$494,878
TOTALS TO DATE	<u>\$573,599</u>	<u>\$813,354</u>

C. EPA HEADQUARTERS REQUESTED THAT PRE-SARA COSTS (1983-1985 REMOVAL AT THE BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE) BE INCLUDED WITH THE COSTS FOR THIS 50K EMERGENCY REMOVAL ACTION DUE TO THE \$2 MILLION CEILING.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. FINAL WASTE CHARACTERIZATION FOR THE 145 SAMPLES SENT BY ERCS TO AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK OF MARYLAND (COLUMBIA, MD) WERE RECEIVED BY TAT ON 12/23/92. THE RESULTS INDICATE 15 WASTE STREAMS.

B. TRANSPORTATION AND FINAL DISPOSAL FACILITY SELECTIONS WERE RECEIVED BY TAT ON 01/04/93 (CHEMICAL CONSERVATION OF GEORGIA EPA ID# GAD 093380814, MICHIGAN DISPOSAL #MID 000724831 AND CLEAN HARBORS BALTIMORE #MDD 980555189). EPA REGION 5 REPRESENTATIVE GERTRUDE MATUSCHOVITZ STATED THAT MICHIGAN DISPOSAL WAS IN COMPLIANCE. EPA REGION 3 REPRESENTATIVE SARAH CASPER INFORMED TAT THAT CLEAN HARBORS HAD BEEN SERVED A NOTICE FOR A RECORD KEEPING VIOLATION AND HAD 60 DAYS (UNTIL DECEMBER 21, 1992) TO CORRESPOND. MS. CASPER STATED THAT CLEAN HARBORS HAD RESPONDED BY THE END OF

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THE 60 DAY DEADLINE, BUT AN INSPECTOR HAD NOT VERIFIED THE STATUS OF THE FACILITY. HOWEVER, VERBAL APPROVAL WAS GIVEN FOR SHIPMENT OF MATERIALS TO THE CLEAN HARBORS FACILITY. TAT TO CONTACT MS. CASPER FOR UPDATE ON COMPLIANCE STATUS. EDMUND BURKS OF EPA REGION 4 INFORMED TAT THAT CHEMICAL CONSERVATION OF GEORGIA WAS PRESENTLY IN COMPLIANCE.

- C. UPON REVIEW OF THE ANALYTICAL DATA, CHARACTERIZATION OF THE WASTES AND WASTE PROFILES COMPILED BY ERCS, THE OSC SIGNED THE REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO AWARD A SUBCONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL ON 01/11/92.

### III.FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC, TAT AND ERCS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MOBILIZE TO THE SITE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 1992 TO OVERPACK AND SECURELY STAGE THE REMAINING DRUMS SCHEDULED FOR DISPOSAL

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BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1992, 1200 HOURS)

A. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE, TAT AND ERCS PERSONNEL MOBILIZED TO THE SITE ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1992 TO SAMPLE THE MATERIAL STAGED DURING THE 50K EMERGENCY ACTIVATION FOR LABORATORY DETERMINATION OF COMPATIBILITY GROUPINGS AND PROPER MEANS OF DISPOSAL.

B. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 10/26/92)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$49,357	\$245,000
TAT	14,468	16,000
EPA (DIRECT)	5,702	8,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	8,370	10,000
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CURRENT TOTAL	\$ 77,897	\$274,000
MONIES SPENT FOR 1983-85 REMOVAL	\$494,878	
TOTAL	<u>\$572,775</u>	
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 39,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476

C. EPA HEADQUARTERS REQUESTED THAT PRE-SARA COSTS (1983-1985 REMOVAL AT THE BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE) BE INCLUDED WITH THE COSTS FOR THIS 50K EMERGENCY REMOVAL ACTION DUE TO THE \$2 MILLION CEILING.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. RESULTS FROM THE 119 SAMPLES SENT BY ERCS TO AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK OF MARYLAND (COLUMBIA, MD) WERE RECEIVED BY TAT ON 10/23/92. THE RESULTS INDICATE NINE DISTINCT COMPATIBILITY GROUPINGS (i.e. WASTE STREAMS).

B. TAT INFORMED THE OSC AS TO THE COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS ON 10/26/92.

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III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. DISPOSAL ANALYSIS CONDUCTED BY AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK OF MARYLAND TO BE COMPLETED BY 11/05/92.
- B. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE, TAT AND ERCS TO REMOBILIZE TO SITE FOR TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL UPON RECEIVING DISPOSAL ANALYTICAL.
- C. THE OSC IS TO DRAFT A DOCUMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD REFLECTING THE PRE-SARA COSTS AND THE NEW PROJECT CEILING. HENCEFORTH, COST TRACKING FROM THIS POINT ON WILL INCLUDE THESE PRE-SARA COSTS.

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BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1992, 1200 HOURS)

- A. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE, TAT AND ERCS PERSONNEL MOBILIZED TO THE SITE ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1992 TO SAMPLE THE MATERIAL STAGED DURING THE 50K EMERGENCY ACTIVATION FOR LABORATORY DETERMINATION OF COMPATIBILITY GROUPINGS AND PROPER MEANS OF DISPOSAL.
- B. PERSONNEL ON-SITE 10/01/92 : OSC-1, SSAO-1, TAT-2, ERCS-8.
- C. WEATHER: SUNNY TO PARTLY CLOUDY, WITH TEMPS IN THE MID 60s.
- D. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 10/01/92)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$49,357	\$245,000
TAT	12,653	16,000
EPA (DIRECT)	5,702	8,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	8,370	10,000
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TOTAL	\$76,082	\$274,000
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 39,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. AT 0700 HOURS OSC, TAT AND ERCS ARRIVED ON SITE. MORNING SAFETY MEETING CONDUCTED.
- B. ERCS COMPLETED SAMPLING THE DRUMS ON 10/01/92. A TOTAL OF 127 SAMPLES OF LIQUID AND SOLID MATERIAL WERE OBTAINED AND WILL BE SENT FOR COMPATIBILITY SCREENING INTO WASTE STREAMS AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSAL ANALYSIS.
- C. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE ERCS, TAT AND ALL EQUIPMENT WERE TO DEMOBILIZE FROM SITE ON 10/02/92. OSC STEUTEVILLE DEMOBILIZED FROM SITE AT THE COMPLETION OF THIS PHASE OF SITE WORK ON 10/01/92.
- D. ERCS PERSONNEL WERE TO DELIVER THE SAMPLES TO AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK, COLUMBIA, MD, WHERE THEY WILL BE ANALYZED FOR COMPATIBILITY SCREENING INTO WASTE STREAMS AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSAL ANALYSIS.

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- E. ERCS AND TAT COMPLETED HAZCATTING OF SOLID AND LIQUID SAMPLES.
- F. THREE ERCS MEMBERS DEMOBILIZED FROM SITE AT 1200 HOURS 10/01/92. THE REMAINING ERCS, TAT PERSONNEL AND SSAO DEMOBILIZED ON 10/02/92.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO DELIVER SAMPLES TO AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK, COLUMBIA, MD, FOR COMPATIBILITY AND DISPOSAL ANALYSIS. A TWO WEEK TURN-AROUND WAS REQUESTED.
- B. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE, TAT AND ERCS TO REMOBILIZE TO SITE FOR TRANSPORT A/ND DISPOSAL UPON RECEIVING DISPOSAL ANALYTICAL.
- C. TAT TO FORWARD HAZCAT DATA TO LOCAL LEPC CONTACT, FIRE CHIEF AND WVDNR.
- D. OSC TO UPDATE SECTION CHIEF KLEEMAN AS TO SITE ACTIVITIES.
- E. TAT TO PROVIDE WVDNR, LEPC AND FIRE CHIEF WITH RESULTS FROM HAZCAT ANALYSIS.

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BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1992, 1800 HOURS)

A. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE, TAT AND ERCS PERSONNEL MOBILIZED TO THE SITE ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1992 TO SAMPLE THE MATERIAL STAGED DURING THE 50K EMERGENCY ACTIVATION FOR LABORATORY DETERMINATION OF COMPATIBILITY GROUPINGS AND PROPER MEANS OF DISPOSAL.

B. PERSONNEL ON-SITE 09/30/92 : OSC-1, SSAO-1, TAT-2, ERCS-8.

C. WEATHER: SUNNY TO PARTLY CLOUDY, WITH TEMPS IN THE UPPER 60s TO LOW 70s.

D. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 09/30/92)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$44,690	\$245,000
TAT	11,656	16,000
EPA (DIRECT)	4,875	8,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	7,047	10,000
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TOTAL	\$68,268	\$274,000
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 39,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. AT 0700 HOURS OSC, TAT AND ERCS ARRIVED ON SITE. MORNING SAFETY MEETING CONDUCTED.

B. ERCS OBTAINED APPROXIMATELY 100 SAMPLES OF MATERIAL THIS DATE, OF WHICH, APPROXIMATELY 50 WERE LIQUIDS.

C. THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS PERSONNEL CONTINUED TO LOCATE DRUMS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE SITE THAT CONTAIN UNKNOWN SOLIDS.

D. THREE DRUMS CONTAINING LIQUIDS WERE DISCOVERED THIS DATE. THEY WERE OVERPACKED, SAMPLED AND STAGED.

E. AT 1035 HOURS SSAO MESSIMER ARRIVED ON SITE.

F. ERCS AND TAT CONTINUED HAZCATTING SAMPLES.

G. TAT CONDUCTED CONTRACTOR AND HEALTH & SAFETY MONITORING AND PHOTODOCUMENTED SITE ACTIVITIES.

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III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE DRUM SAMPLING AND HAZCATTING TO DETERMINE PROPER MEANS OF DISPOSAL.
- B. ERCS TO PROCURE LABORATORY SERVICES TO DETERMINE COMPATIBILITY GROUPINGS AND ANALYSIS FOR DISPOSAL.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE CONTRACTOR MONITORING, HEALTH AND SAFETY MONITORING AND PHOTODOCUMENTATION OF SITE ACTIVITIES.
- D. OSC TO UPDATE SECTION CHIEF KLEEMAN AS TO SITE ACTIVITIES.
- E. TAT TO PROVIDE WVDNR, LEPC AND FIRE CHIEF WITH RESULTS FROM HAZCAT ANALYSIS.

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BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1992, 1800 HOURS)

- A. IN MAY 1992, OSC STEUTEVILLE INITIATED A 50K EMERGENCY ACTIVATION TO OVERPACK AND STAGE DRUMS OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AT THE SITE. FOLLOWING INITIAL SITE STABILIZATION, AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST WAS DRAFTED.
- B. ON SEPTEMBER 11 , 1992, THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST WAS APPROVED BY THE ACTING REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, WILLIAM T. WISNEWSKI, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$318,476, OF WHICH \$44,476 ARE UNALLOCATED FUNDS. THESE FUNDS ARE FOR SAMPLING AND FINAL DISPOSAL OF THE STAGED MATERIAL AND OTHER VESSELS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED.
- C. OSC STEUTEVILLE MODIFIED THE PURCHASE ORDER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES INC. (ETI), THE PRIME ERCS CONTRACTOR, AND SCHEDULED PERSONNEL TO MOBILIZE TO THE SITE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1992.
- D. ON 09/28/92 THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS PERSONNEL MOBILIZED TO THE SITE WITH SITE OPERATIONS TO COMMENCE ON 09/29/92.
- F. PERSONNEL ON-SITE 09/29/92 : OSC-1, TAT-2, ERCS-8, W VA WELDING SUPPLY-1.
- G. WEATHER: SUNNY TO PARTLY CLOUDY, WITH TEMPS IN THE MID TO UPPER 60S.
- H. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 09/29/92)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$40,369	\$245,000
TAT	10,683	16,000
EPA (DIRECT)	3,938	5,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	5,994	8,000
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TOTAL	\$60,984	\$274,000
UNALLOCATED FUNDS		\$ 44,476
PROJECT TOTAL		\$318,476

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. UPON APPROVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST, OSC STEUTEVILLE MODIFIED DELIVERY ORDER # 3002-03-014 FOR \$245,000 WITH ETI OF RICHMOND, VA AS THE PRIME ERCS CONTRACTOR.

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- B. PRIOR TO MOBILIZATION, TAT CONTACTED LOCAL OFFICIALS (WVDNR, LEPC, FIRE DEPT., AND PHILIPS LIGHTING) AND INFORMED THEM OF UPCOMING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- C. AT 0700 HOURS ON TUESDAY, 09/29/92 THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS RM AND PCT ARRIVED ON SITE FOR A BRIEFING AND TO DETERMINE SITE WORK PLAN. AT 0800 HOURS ALL ADDITIONAL ERCS PERSONAL ARRIVED ON SITE.
- D. CURRENT WORK PLAN CONSISTS OF SAMPLING THE OVERPACKED MATERIAL PRESENTLY STAGED (EIGHT OVERPACKS OF ASBESTOS, ONE LAB PACK, AND 49 DRUMS CONTAINING UNKNOWN LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS) AND ANY REMAINING DRUMS ON SITE CONTAINING SOLID MATERIALS SUSPECTED AS BEING HAZARDOUS. ALL SAMPLES ARE TO HAVE HAZCAT ANALYSIS PERFORMED BEFORE BEING SENT TO A LABORATORY FOR DISPOSAL ANALYSIS.
- E. AT 1030 HOURS, THE OSC, ERCS AND TAT CONDUCTED A SITE INSPECTION TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION AND TO ASSES THE CONTENTS OF DRUMS CONTAINING SOLIDS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN STAGED.
- F. ERCS OBTAINED AND SET UP AIR CASCADE SYSTEM.
- G. AT 1300 HOURS ERCS BEGAN SAMPLING STAGED DRUMS. TAT ASSISTED WITH AIR MONITORING, DRUM LOGS AND HAZCATTING.
- H. SSAO MESSIMER IS SCHEDULED TO MOBILIZE TO THE SITE ON WEDNESDAY, 09/30/92.
- I. TAT CONDUCTED CONTRACTOR AND HEALTH & SAFETY MONITORING AND PHOTODOCUMENTED SITE ACTIVITIES.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE DRUM SAMPLING AND HAZCATTING TO DETERMINE PROPER MEANS OF DISPOSAL.
- B. ERCS TO PROCURE LABORATORY SERVICES TO DETERMINE COMPATIBILITY GROUPINGS FOR DISPOSAL.

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BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND OERR/ERD

I. SITUATION (THURSDAY, 21/MAY/92, 1800 HOURS)

- A. AS OF WEDNESDAY, 20/MAY/92 A TOTAL OF 58 OVERPACKS OF MATERIAL HAVE BEEN SECURELY STAGED. THESE INCLUDE: ONE LAB PACK, EIGHT ASBESTOS, AND 49 THAT CONTAIN UNKNOWN LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS.
- B. A SECURITY FENCE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AROUND THE STAGING AREA.
- C. A MEETING HAS BEEN HELD BY THE OSC WITH PERSONNEL PRESENT FROM: WVDNR, LEPC, AND FIRE DEPARTMENT TO UPDATE THEM ON SITE STATUS.
- D. ALL VESSELS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM SITE BUILDINGS AND A 30-FOOT PERIMETER WAS CLEARED AROUND THE STAGING AREA AND OFFICE BUILDING AS PER THE FIRE CHIEF'S REQUEST.
- E. PERSONNEL ON-SITE 05/21/92 : OSC-1, FAO-1, TAT-2, ERCS-5, WVDNR-2, PORT-A-JOHN-1, CONCERNED CITIZENS-1.
- F. WEATHER: HOT AND SUNNY, WITH TEMPS IN THE MID TO UPPER 80S.
- G. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 05/21/92)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$32,276	\$35,000
TAT	5,463	6,500
EPA (DIRECT)	2,366	3,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	4,968	5,500
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TOTAL	\$45,073	\$50,000

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. AT 0700 HOURS ON THURSDAY, 21/MAY/92 THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS PERSONNEL ARRIVED ON SITE. UPON ARRIVAL ON SITE ERCS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (TERRY HELMS) REPORTED TO THE SITE SAFETY OFFICER THAT HE HAD SUSTAINED AN INJURY TO HIS WRIST WHILE ON SITE THE PREVIOUS EVENING (20/MAY/92). HE STATED HE HAD SLIPPED WHILE WALKING UP A HILL AND WRENCHED HIS WRIST WHEN HE LANDED. THE SITE SAFETY OFFICER NOTIFIED THE OSC AND THEY CONCURRED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AT FAIRMONT GENERAL HOSPITAL, 1325 LOCUST AVENUE. UPON HIS RETURNING FROM THE HOSPITAL, MR. HELMS INFORMED THE OSC AND THE SITE SAFETY OFFICER HE HAD HYPER-EXTENDED HIS WRIST AND WAS EQUIPPED WITH A WRIST BRACE. MR.

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HELMS ALSO STATED HE COULD STILL PERFORM HIS DUTIES AS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR. APPROVAL WAS OBTAINED FROM E.T.I. ATLANTA REGIONAL MANAGER BEFORE MR. HELMS WAS PERMITTED TO PERFORM LIMITED WORK DUTIES. THE OSC AND THE SITE SAFETY OFFICER GAVE THEIR APPROVAL WITH THE ONLY CONSTRAINT BEING THAT MR. HELM'S OPERATE THE HOE EXCLUSIVELY AND PERFORM NO OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS.

- B. FAO MESSIMER DEMOBILIZING FROM SITE AT 1300 HOURS THIS DATE.
- C. A TOTAL OF 20 ADDITIONAL OVERPACKS WERE DELIVERED TO THE SITE THIS DATE. OF THESE, 18 OVERPACKS WILL REMAIN ON SITE FOR USE BY WVDNR IN THE EVENT THAT ADDITIONAL PRODUCT CONTAINING VESSELS ARE DISCOVERED DURING SCRAP SALVAGE OPERATIONS.
- D. TO DATE, A TOTAL OF 94 VESSELS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE STAGING AREA. THESE CONTAIN: ASBESTOS-8, PPE-3, LAB PACK-1, LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS-64, EMPTY OVERPACKS-18. TWO OF THE VESSELS STAGED WERE 55-GALLON STEEL DRUMS DONATED TO WVDNR BY CREATIVE LABEL CO. AND WERE USED TO BULK MATERIAL. THESE DRUMS WERE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION AND DID NOT NEED OVERPACKED.
- E. AT 1707 HOURS THE OSC MET WITH MR. JOHN MARRA, 588 FLEMING WAY, SHINNSTON, WV 26431, (304)-592-0371. THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT MR. JOHN BOYCE (FORMER PROPRIETOR OF BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE) HAD VERBALLY GIVEN HIM RIGHTS TO THE SCRAP MATERIAL ON SITE. HE INFORMED THE OSC THAT HE HAD REMOVED SCRAP FROM THE SITE NUMEROUS TIMES AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS HEALTH SINCE HE MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. THE OSC STATED THAT A DATA TABLE FROM THE SAMPLING EVENTS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONDUCTED ON SITE WILL BE SENT TO HIM. WVDNR (HANDO) INFORMED THE OSC THAT MR. MARRA HAS BEEN ESCORTED OFF OF THE SITE BEFORE BY THE POLICE FOR TRESPASSING AND HAS BEEN BANNED FROM REMOVING ANYTHING FROM THE SITE.
- F. OSC STEUTEVILLE COMPLEMENTED TAT (BISHOP & BURRIS) FOR EXEMPLARY SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONALISM UNDER THE 50K ACTIVATION.
- G. BY 1745 HOURS ALL PARTIES HAD DEMOBILIZED FROM SITE.

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### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ONE FINAL ERCS CREW MEMBER TO DEMOBILIZE FROM SITE FRIDAY, 22/MAY/92 TO RETURN ERCS TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.
- B. WVDNR TO PERIODICALLY CHECK SITE FOR SIGNS OF VANDALISM AND UPDATE TAT AS TO SITE STATUS.
- C. TAT TO DRAFT ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST.
- D. SAMPLING OF STAGED MATERIAL FOR DISPOSAL.
- E. SAMPLING ASSESSMENT FOR CHARACTERIZATION OF MATERIAL ON SITE FOR DISPOSAL.
- F. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO BE WRITTEN TO WVDNR, FAIRMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND PHILIPS LIGHTING REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE DURING RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.
- G. PROCUREMENT AND PLACEMENT OF "U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY" SIGNS FOR PLACEMENT ON STAGING AREA.
- H. COPY OF FINALIZED DRUM LOGS TO WVDNR.
- I. COPIES OF MSDS INFORMATION TO GO TO FAIRMONT FIRE DEPT. AND LEPC.

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ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND OERR/ERD

I. SITUATION (THURSDAY, 21/MAY/92, 0800 HOURS)

- A. ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1992 OSC STEUTEVILLE ACTIVATED UNDER HIS DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND OBLIGATED \$50K TO MITIGATE THE IMMEDIATE THREAT POSED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE YARD.
- B. PERSONNEL ON-SITE 05/19/92 : OSC-1, FAO-1, TAT-2, ERCS-5, ALCO FENCING-4, LEPC-1, WVDNR-2, FAIRMONT FIRE DEPT.-2.
- C. WEATHER: HOT AND SUNNY, WITH TEMPS IN THE MID TO UPPER 80S.
- D. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 05/20/92)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	\$24,039	\$35,000
TAT	4,516	7,500
EPA (DIRECT)	2,366	3,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	3,618	4,500
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TOTAL	\$34,539	\$50,000

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. AT 0700 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY, 20/MAY/92 THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS PERSONNEL ARRIVED ON-SITE AND HELD DAILY SAFETY MEETING.
- B. ALL MATERIAL WAS REMOVED FROM THE PERIMETER OF THE STAGING AREA, WHICH CONSISTS OF AN OPEN-SIDED, STEEL FRAME, ROOFED STRUCTURE WITH A CEMENT FLOOR. POLY WAS THEN LAID ON SOILS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE STAGING AREA AND BACKFILLED WITH WOOD CHIPS OBTAINED ON SITE AND A NEW HOT ZONE WAS DELINEATED TO ACCOMMODATE THE FENCING SUB-CONTRACTORS. THIS WAS DONE TO ELIMINATE CONTACT WITH HOT-ZONE PERSONNEL AND MINIMIZE CONTACT WITH SITE SOILS AND DUST.
- C. WATER WAS OBTAINED FROM PHILIPS LIGHTING TO FILL TWO POLY OVERPACKS FOR USE IN DECON OF THE HOE. A PRESSURE WASHER IS TO BE RENTED ON THURSDAY, 21/MAY/92, FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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- D. AT 1120 HOURS PERSONNEL FROM ALCO FENCING CO. ARRIVED ON-SITE FOR FENCE INSTALLATION AROUND THE STAGING AREA. THE FENCE IS TO BE EIGHT FT. HIGH WITH THREE STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE SURROUNDING THE TOP.
- E. AT 1150 HOURS, WHILE DIGGING HOLES FOR FENCE POST INSTALLATION THE FENCING SUB-CONTRACTOR ENCOUNTERED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A TAR SEEP AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 18 INCHES. FOLLOWING A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE OSC, TAT, AND THE FENCING SUB-CONTRACTOR IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE POSTS WOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE GROUND SURROUNDING THE STAGING AREA BUT WOULD BE SET AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY ONE FOOT IN THE CONCRETE FLOOR OF THE STRUCTURE WITH GROUTING USED TO SECURE THE POSTS. THIS DESIGN CHANGE WAS THEN APPROVED BY ETI REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON.
- F. AT 1400 HOURS A MEETING WAS HELD BY THE OSC. THOSE ATTENDING INCLUDED: THE LEPC DIRECTOR, WVDNR-(2), THE FAIRMONT FIRE CHIEF AND A LIEUTENANT. THE OSC PROVIDED THOSE PRESENT WITH A BRIEF DATA PACKAGE INCLUDING A SYNOPSIS OF SITE ACTIVITIES, FUTURE PLANS, A BRIEF LISTING OF THE ANALYTICAL RESULTS FROM TAT AND WVDNR SAMPLING EVENTS, AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR THE OSC, TAT, WVDNR, AND EPA PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOULD AN EMERGENCY SITUATION ARISE. THE OSC REITERATED THAT WVDNR IS TO HAVE THE LEAD ROLE IN SITE ACTIVITIES AND THAT THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE EPA WAS THE IMMEDIATE MITIGATION OF THE THREAT CAUSED BY VESSELS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AT THE SITE. OSC STEUTEVILLE INFORMED THOSE IN ATTENDANCE THAT KEYS TO THE STAGING AREA WOULD BE KEPT BY WVDNR (HANDO) AND TAT AND THAT THE MATERIAL WOULD REMAIN IN THE STAGING AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE TO SIX MONTHS. MR. MORRIS OF THE LEPC STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED WHEN DISPOSAL ANALYSIS IS CONDUCTED. THE FIRE CHIEF WAS INSTRUCTED THAT NO VESSELS OR DRUMS, EMPTY OR FULL, WOULD BE LEFT IN ANY BUILDINGS ON-SITE WHEN EPA DEMOBES. ANY FIRES IN THE BUILDINGS COULD BE TREATED AS STRUCTURAL FIRES. HOWEVER, IF DRUMS WERE ENCOUNTERED, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN RECENTLY DUMPED AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS CONTAINING UNKNOWN MATERIALS.
- G. MSDS INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO LEPC DIRECTOR AND FAIRMONT FIRE CHIEF UPON TATS RETURN TO OFFICE.
- H. ALL DRUMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE RAVINE AREA AND THE PERIMETER OF THE OFFICE BUILDING THIS DATE.
- I. TO DATE A TOTAL OF 58 OVERPACKS OF MATERIAL HAVE BEEN STAGED FOR DISPOSAL AND INCLUDE: ONE LAB-PACK, EIGHT OVERPACKS CONTAINING ASBESTOS AND 49 THAT CONTAIN UNKNOWN LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS.

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- J. TAT CONTINUES CONTRACTOR MONITORING, SITE AND PHOTO DOCUMENTATION AND SITE SAFETY SUPERVISION.
- K. BY 2030 HOURS ALL PARTIES HAD DEPARTED SITE.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC STEUTEVILLE TO KEEP SECTION CHIEF KLEEMAN AND WVDNR UPDATED AS TO SITE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS.
- B. 20 ADDITIONAL OVERPACKS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE SITE ON THURSDAY, 21/MAY/92, FOR USE BY WVDNR IN THE EVENT ANY FUGITIVE VESSELS ARE DISCOVERED DURING THEIR SALVAGE OPERATIONS.
- C. OVERPACKING OF REMAINING DRUMS THAT CONTAIN LIQUID PRODUCT TO BE COMPLETED THURSDAY, 21/MAY/92.
- D. DRUM PILES TO BE SEARCHED FOR VESSELS CONTAINING LIQUID PRODUCT. THOSE THAT CONTAIN LIQUID ARE TO BE OVERPACKED AND STAGED FOR ANALYSIS AND DISPOSAL.
- E. THIS PHASE OF SITE OPERATIONS TO BE COMPLETED THURSDAY, 21/MAY/92. FOUR ERCS PERSONNEL, TAT, AND FAO TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO DEMOBE THAT DATE WITH FINAL ERCS PERSONNEL AND OSC DEMOBING FRIDAY 22/MAY/92.

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POLREP #07

BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND OERR/ERD

I. SITUATION (WEDNESDAY, 20/MAY/92, 0800 HOURS)

- A. ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1992 OSC STEUTEVILLE ACTIVATED UNDER HIS DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND OBLIGATED \$50K TO MITIGATE THE IMMEDIATE THREAT POSED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE YARD.
- B. PERSONNEL ON-SITE 05/19/92 : OSC-1, FAO-1, TAT-2, ERCS-6.
- C. WEATHER: PARTLY SUNNY AND WARM, WITH TEMPS IN THE UPPER 70S TO LOW 80S.

D. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 05/19/92)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	17,000	\$35,000
TAT	3,554	7,500
EPA (DIRECT)	1,554	2,500
EPA (INDIRECT)	2,376	5,000
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TOTAL	\$24,484	\$50,000

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. AT 0700 HOURS ON TUESDAY, 19/MAY/92 THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS PERSONNEL ARRIVED ON-SITE AND HELD DAILY SAFETY MEETING.
- B. AT 0810 HOURS FAO MESSIMER ARRIVED ON SITE.
- C. DUE TO A FAULTY REGULATOR ON THE ERCS OXYGEN SUPPLY LINES WORK WAS STOPPED FOR NEARLY ONE HOUR UNTIL ANOTHER REGULATOR COULD BE PURCHASED.
- D. ERCS RM DEMOED FROM THE SITE AT 1500 HOURS THIS DATE WITH THE APPROVAL OF OSC STEUTEVILLE. ERCS FOREMAN TO OBTAIN DUTIES OF RM.
- E. THE OSC MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM PHILIPS LIGHT COMPANY TO OBTAIN CHAINS AND CABLES FOR USE IN DRUM RETRIEVAL FROM THE RAVINE AREA OF THE SITE.
- F. AT THIS POINT ALL VESSELS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SITE BUILDINGS. THOSE THAT CONTAINED PRODUCT WERE OVERPACKED AND STAGED FOR DISPOSAL WHILE THOSE THAT WERE EMPTY WERE REMOVED FROM THE STRUCTURES AND PLACED IN A PILE TO BE SALVAGED.

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- G. A SURVEY OF DRUM PILE # 4 WAS COMPLETED AND A SURVEY OF PILE # 3 WAS INITIATED. THOSE DRUMS THAT CONTAINED LIQUID PRODUCT WERE MONITORED WITH AN HNU AND DESIGNATED FOR OVERPACKING IF A READING WAS OBSERVED. IF THE CONTENTS WERE DETERMINED TO BE NON-HAZARDOUS (IE. RAINWATER) THE CONTENTS WERE EXPUNGED, THE DRUM MARKED AS EMPTY AND LEFT ON-SITE.
- H. ALCO FENCING WAS SELECTED AS SUB-CONTRACTOR FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE FENCE SURROUNDING THE STAGING AREA BASED ON THEIR LOW BID OF APPROXIMATELY \$3200. INSTALLATION OF FENCE TO OCCUR ON WEDNESDAY, 20/MAY/92.
- I. ON THIS DATE 30 OVERPACKS OF MATERIAL WERE PLACED IN THE STAGING AREA BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 49 VESSELS STAGED FOR DISPOSAL AND INCLUDE: ONE LAB-PACK, EIGHT OVERPACKS CONTAINING ASBESTOS AND 40 THAT CONTAIN UNKNOWN LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS.
- J. TAT CONTINUES CONTRACTOR MONITORING, SITE AND PHOTO DOCUMENTATION AND SITE SAFETY SUPERVISION.
- K. BY 2020 HOURS ALL PARTIES HAD DEPARTED SITE.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC STEUTEVILLE TO KEEP SECTION CHIEF KLEEMAN UPDATED AS TO SITE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS.
- B. REPRESENTATIVES FROM FAIRMONT'S POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, LEPC AND WVDNR TO BE ON-SITE WEDNESDAY, 20/MAY/92 FOR UPDATE ON SITE ACTIVITIES.

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POLREP #06

BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND OERR/ERD

I. SITUATION (TUESDAY, 05/19/92, 0800 HOURS)

- A. ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1992 OSC STEUTEVILLE ACTIVATED UNDER HIS DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND OBLIGATED \$50K TO MITIGATE THE IMMEDIATE THREAT POSED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE YARD.
- B. PERSONNEL ON-SITE 05/18/92 : OSC-1, TAT-2, ERCS-6, WVDNR-2, FAIRMONT WATER AUTHORITY-3, ALCO FENCING-1
- C. WEATHER: CLOUDY WITH INTERMITTENT SHOWERS, TEMPS IN THE MID 70S.
- D. ESTIMATED COSTS (AS OF C.O.B. 05/18/92)

	COSTS TO DATE	CEILING
ERCS	12,647	\$35,000
TAT	2,532	7,500
EPA (DIRECT)	802	5,000
EPA (INDIRECT)	1,242	2,500
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TOTAL	\$17,323	\$50,000

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. AT 0700 HOURS ON MONDAY, 18/MAY/92 THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS PERSONNEL ARRIVED ON-SITE. WORK PLAN WAS REVIEWED AND DAILY SAFETY MEETING WAS HELD.
- B. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FAIRMONT WATER COMPANY WERE ON-SITE THIS DATE FOR INSTILLATION OF TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE AT THE SITE. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE AMOUNT OF PIPING THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE INSTALLED WOULD NOT BE COST EFFECTIVE (APPROX. 500 FT. @ \$0.40/FT.) FOR A PROJECT PHASE OF THIS DURATION. IT WAS THEN DETERMINED THAT AT A MINIMUM, 5-GALLON JUGS OF WATER WERE TO BE ON-SITE FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.
- C. OSC STEUTEVILLE MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM: THE MARION COUNTY LEPC, THE CITY OF FAIRMONT'S SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, FAIRMONT FIRE DEPT., FAIRMONT POLICE DEPT., FAIRMONT CITY MANAGER, CREATIVE LABEL CO. AND PHILIPS LIGHTING.
- D. AN APPROXIMATELY 30 FT BY 60 FT. STRUCTURE WAS CLEARED OF ALL SOLID WASTE AND PREPARED FOR USE AS THE STAGING AREA.
- E. ONLY ONE FENCE INSTALLATION BUSINESS COULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SITE THIS DATE. THIS INDIVIDUAL OBTAINED MEASUREMENTS OF THE STRUCTURE AND INFORMED THE ERCS RM THAT HE WOULD HAVE A COST ESTIMATE ON TUESDAY, 19/MAY/92.

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- F. THE OSC AND WVDNR PERSONNEL CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY TO LOCATE ANY FUGITIVE VESSELS THAT CONTAINED PRODUCT. APPROXIMATELY 70 DRUMS WERE DISCOVERED THAT CONTAINED PRODUCT, 10 OF WHICH CONTAINED LIQUIDS. THE CONTENTS OF SOME OF THE DRUMS CONTAINING SOLIDS WERE DESCRIBED AS CARBON, ASH, AND CEMENT. THE OSC INSTRUCTED THE RM TO GIVE PRIMARY ATTENTION TO THOSE VESSELS THAT CONTAINED LIQUIDS.
- G. ERCS REMOVED A TOTAL OF 18 SMALL GLASS VESSELS CONTAINING HAZ-WASTE WERE REMOVED FROM THE DILAPIDATED WOODEN STRUCTURE, LAB-PACKED AND PLACED IN THE STAGING AREA.
- H. ERCS REMOVED A TOTAL OF NINE DRUMS AND OVERPACKS OF MATERIAL FROM THE OFFICE BUILDING AND PLACED IN THE STAGING AREA.
- I. REMOVAL OF MATERIAL FROM THE CONCRETE BLOCK BUILDING WAS INITIATED THIS DATE. THIS RESULTED IN NINE OVERPACKS OF MATERIAL BEING REMOVED AND STAGED. REMAINDER OF MATERIAL TO BE ADDRESSED TUESDAY, 19/MAY/92. IT WAS REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE DRUMS IN THIS BUILDING WAS STUCK TO THE FLOOR AND IN POOR PHYSICAL SHAPE. THE OSC INSTRUCTED THE ERCS RM TO HAVE THIS MATERIAL PUMPED INTO AN OVERPACK, REMOVE AND OVERPACK THE DRUM. THE RM INFORMED THE OSC THAT THIS TASK WOULD BE COMPLETED TUESDAY, 19/MAY/92, AFTER A HAND-PUMP IS PURCHASED.
- J. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MATERIAL STAGED FOR DISPOSAL THIS DATE WAS 17 OVERPACKS AND TWO 55-GALLON DRUMS.
- K. AT 2000 HOURS ALL PARTIES DEPARTED SITE.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO OBTAIN BIDS FROM FENCING CONTRACTORS AND SELECT SUBCONTRACTOR BASED UPON COST AND ABILITY TO CONSTRUCT FENCE ON WEDNESDAY, 20/MAY/92.
- B. REPRESENTATIVES FROM FAIRMONT'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO BE ON-SITE WEDNESDAY, 20/MAY/92 FOR UPDATE ON SITE ACTIVITIES.
- C. OSC TO UPDATE WVDNR REGARDING SITE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS.

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POLREP #5

BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND OERR/ERD

I. SITUATION (MONDAY, 05/17/92, 0800 HOURS)

- A. ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1992 OSC STEUTEVILLE ACTIVATED UNDER HIS DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND OBLIGATED \$50K TO MITIGATE THE IMMEDIATE THREAT POSED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE YARD.
- B. PERSONNEL ON-SITE 05/16/92 : TAT-2, ERCS-1
- C. WEATHER: HOT AND SUNNY WITH TEMPS IN THE UPPER 80S.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OSC STEUTEVILLE, TAT AND ERCS RM MOBED TO THE SITE ON SATURDAY, 05/16/92. OSC AND ADDITIONAL ERCS PERSONNEL TO ARRIVE SUNDAY, 05/17/92
- B. AT 1550 HOURS ON SATURDAY, 05/16/92 TAT AND ERCS RM ARRIVE ON-SITE. SITE TOUR WAS CONDUCTED TO FAMILIARIZE RM WITH SITE. VERBAL WORK PLAN STARTED.
- C. AT 2030 HOURS ON SATURDAY, 05/16/92 TAT AND ERCS RM MET TO DISCUSS PROPOSED SITE OPERATIONS. A TENTATIVE WORK PLAN WAS COMPLETED AND AWAITS OSC STEUTEVILLE'S APPROVAL.
- D. AT 1430 HOURS ON SUNDAY, 05/17/92 THE OSC ARRIVED AT THE HOTEL AND MET WITH TAT AND ERCS RM. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT PROVIDED THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS, SITE WORK WOULD PROCEED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST, REMOVE AND OVERPACK ALL SUSPECTED HAZ-WASTE FROM THE SMALL DILAPIDATED WOODEN STRUCTURE AND PLACE NEAR THE STAGING AREA. WHILE THIS IS OCCURRING THE ERCS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IS TO CLEAR THE STAGING AREA OF ALL SOLID WASTE IN PREPARATION OF SECURITY FENCE INSTILLATION. OVERPACKING AND STAGING OF MATERIAL IN THE OFFICE BUILDING IS TO FOLLOW. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS, OVERPACKING AND STAGING OF MATERIAL INSIDE THE CONCRETE BLOCK BUILDING IS TO BE PERFORMED. NEXT, ERCS ARE TO OVERPACK AND STAGE MATERIAL IN THE BOILER AREA ADJACENT TO THE OFFICE BUILDING. FINALLY, IF TIME PERMITS THE ERCS CREW IS TO SEARCH THE SITE, INCLUDING TWO VISIBLE DRUM PILES FOR ANY FUGITIVE VESSELS THAT CONTAIN PRODUCT. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY EVENING (05/20/92).

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**III. FUTURE PLANS**

- A. OSC TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM FAIRMONT'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, MAYORS OFFICE, LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE, PHILIPS LIGHTBULB MANUFACTURING AND CREATIVE LABEL COMPANY ON MONDAY, 05/18/92.**
- B. OSC TO UPDATE WVDNR REGARDING SITE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS.**

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POLREP #4

BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, DENNIS CARNEY, AND OERR/ERD

- I. SITUATION (MONDAY, 05/11/92, 1200 HOURS)
- A. OSC STEUTEVILLE REQUESTED A SITE VISIT BE CONDUCTED TO UPDATE HIM AS TO SITE STATUS.
  - B. PERSONNEL ON-SITE: EPA-1, TAT-2
  - C. WEATHER: RAIN SHOWERS WITH TEMPS IN THE LOW 50S.
- II. ACTIONS TAKEN
- A. AT 1100 HOURS ON 05/05/92, THE OSC AND TAT ARRIVED ON-SITE. TAT BRIEFED THE OSC AS TO THE CONTENTS OF EACH SITE BUILDING BASED ON A PREVIOUS SAMPLING ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED BY TAT IN DECEMBER, 1991.
  - B. IT WAS NOTED THAT ELEVEN DRUMS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE BUILDINGS HAD NOT BEEN THERE ON THE PREVIOUS ASSESSMENT. UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE DRUMS HAD LABELS BARING THE ADDRESS OF CREATIVE LABEL COMPANY, 1172 HOULT ROAD, FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA. STILL OTHER DRUMS READ MORRISON INK COMPANY, 4801 160TH STREET, CLEVELAND, OHIO. OTHER DRUMS POSSESSED DOT LABELS STATING THEY CONTAINED HAZARDOUS WASTE, FLAMMABLE AND CORROSIVE MATERIAL.
  - C. ALSO OBSERVED WAS A POOL OF WATER APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET ACROSS LOCATED A FEW FEET FROM AN APPROXIMATELY 20,000-30,000 GALLON ABOVE-GROUND STORAGE TANK (AST). THE SOIL APPEARED TO BE STAINED IN THE VICINITY OF THIS PUDDLE AND IT WAS SUSPECTED THAT THE AST MAY HAVE BEEN LEAKING.
  - D. THE POSSIBILITY OF UNDER-GROUND STORAGE TANKS ON-SITE EXISTS SINCE GAS PUMPS WERE NOTED NEAR ONE OF THE SITE BUILDINGS.
  - E. ONE AREA OF THE SITE WHERE THERE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN A PILE OF APPROXIMATELY 20 EMPTY DRUMS HAD GROWN TO APPROXIMATELY 125 EMPTY DRUMS.
  - F. AT 1215 HOURS, THE OSC AND TAT ARRIVED AT THE WVDNR OFFICES IN FAIRMONT TO DISCUSS THE SITE WITH WVDNR OFFICER JOHN HANDO. UPON ARRIVAL, WE WERE INFORMED THAT MR. HANDO WAS UNAVAILABLE BUT WE COULD DISCUSS THE SITE WITH WVDNR OFFICER JOYCE MOORE, WHO HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH THE SITE. MS. MOORE INFORMED THE OSC AND TAT THAT THE DRUMS WITH THE LABELS ADDRESSED TO CREATIVE LABEL COMPANY HAD BEEN EMPTY DRUMS DONATED BY CREATIVE LABEL COMPANY TO WVDNR FOR USE AT THE BIG JOHN SALVAGE SITE FOR THE TRANSFER AND STAGING OF MATERIALS FROM THE DAMAGED AND LEAKING DRUMS PREVIOUSLY FOUND ON THE SITE AND THOSE DISCOVERED DURING SCRAP SALVAGING OPERATIONS. MS. MOORE STATED THAT THE TRANSFER OF THESE MATERIALS OCCURRED BETWEEN MARCH 17 AND APRIL 1, 1992. MS. MOORE POINTED OUT THAT THE REASON THE PILE OF EMPTY DRUMS HAD GOTTEN BIGGER WAS BECAUSE PREVIOUSLY UNACCOUNTED DRUMS WERE BEING UNEARTHED DURING THE SCRAP SALVAGING OPERATIONS. MS.

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MOORE INFORMED EPA THAT THE ADDITIONAL DRUMS FOUND IN THE BUILDING WERE DRUMS UNCOVERED DURING THE JUNK REMOVAL OPERATIONS. THE CONDITION OF THE DRUMS SUPPORTED WV DNR'S BELIEF THAT ALL THE DRUMS DATE FROM SALVAGE YARD OPERATIONS AT THE TIME OF AND PRIOR TO EPA RESPONSE OPERATIONS IN THE MID 1980'S.

- G. THE OSC ALSO QUESTIONED WV DNR REGARDING REPORTS THAT A CHILD WAS BURNED BY CHEMICALS ON SITE. MS MOORE COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.
- H. AT 1300 HRS, OSC AND TAT SEARCH COUNTY RECORDS TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT SITE OWNERSHIP. ACCORDING TO COUNTY RECORDS, THE SITE PROPERTY WAS ACQUIRED BY AND IS CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DUE TO TAX DEFAULT IN 1989.
- I. ON 05/08/92, TAT RETURNED TO WVDNR OFFICES IN FAIRMONT TO CHECK THEIR FILES FOR INFORMATION ON THE CERCLA REMOVAL THAT OCCURRED AT THIS SITE FROM JULY, 1984 THROUGH APRIL, 1985. AT THIS TIME, TAT OBTAINED PHOTOCOPIES OF SEVERAL DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE PREVIOUS REMOVAL OPERATION INFORMATION REGARDING THE JUVENILE WHO WAS REPORTEDLY BURNED BY AN UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE THAT HAD COME FROM THE BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE AND A CONTACT AT THE CHILD'S SCHOOL, MS. ETTA ZASLOFF. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED ONTO THE OSC, ON 5/11/92.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. AS SCRAP SALVAGE CONTINUES, ADDITIONAL CONTAINERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE DISCOVERED.
- B. OSC TO CONTACT WVDNR REGARDING FUTURE SITE ACTIVITIES.
- C. OSC IS CONCERNED REGARDING THE REPORT OF A CHILD BEING EXPOSED TO AND BURNED BY A CHEMICAL FROM THE SITE AND WILL CONTACT LOCAL OFFICIALS TO ESTABLISH THE VERACITY OF THE REPORT.
- D. UPON CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT OF THE CHEMICAL EXPOSURE, OSC WILL DETERMINE FURTHER ACTION.

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Subject: Big John's Salvage Drum Site Polrep #3

POLREP #3  
BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE  
FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554  
ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, GREGG CRYSTALL, AND ERD/OERR

I. SITUATION (TUESDAY, 03/24/92, 1200 HOURS)

- A. OSC FENSKE HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM WVDNR (HANDO) THAT SCRAP SALVAGE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING AT THE SITE OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THESE OPERATIONS HAVE UNCOVERED ADDITIONAL CONTAINERS THAT WERE BURIED OR PREVIOUSLY UNACCOUNTED FOR.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. WVDNR PERSONNEL ARE TO SAMPLE, FIELD TEST, INVENTORY, AND STAGE ANY NEWLY DISCOVERED CONTAINERS.

III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. DUE TO A POSSIBLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS LOCATED AT THE SITE AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST MAY BE NECESSARY.
- B. AS SCRAP SALVAGE CONTINUES, ADDITIONAL CONTAINERS MAY BE DISCOVERED.
- C. OSC TO CONTACT WVDNR REGARDING FUTURE SITE ACTIVITIES.

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U.S. EPA - REGION III  
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Subject: big john's salvage site polrep #2

POLREP #2

BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE

FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV 26554

ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, GREGG CRYSTALL, AND STEPHEN LUFTIG

I. SITUATION (WEDNESDAY, 12/11/91, 1200 HOURS)

- A. ON 12/10/91 OSC FENSKE AND TAT MOBED TO THE SITE TO PERFORM A SAMPLING ASSESSMENT AT THE BIG JOHN'S SITE LOCATED IN FAIRMONT, WV.
- B. PERSONNEL ON SCENE: EPA-1, TAT-3, WVDNR-3, BUSINESSMEN-2
- C. WEATHER: CLEAR SKIES WITH TEMPS IN THE MID 50s

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. AT 1000 HOURS OSC AND TAT ARRIVED ON SCENE AND MET WITH OSC, WVDNR HANDO, SWIGER, AND IDLEMAN.
- B. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE SITE IT WAS NOTED THAT THE ONE ENTRANCE ROAD THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN UNRESTRICTED HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY A PILE OF TREE SHREADINGS. WVDNR HANDO THEN INFORMED OSC FENSKE AND TAT THAT ASPLUNDH TREE SERVICE HAD BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO DUMP ON THE SITE ALONG WITH A KEY FOR THE ACCESS GATE BY THE FORMER PROPERTY OWNERS SONS GIRLFRIEND. WHILE ON SITE AN ASPLUNDH TRUCK ARRIVED TO DUMP A LOAD OF TREE SHREADINGS. OSC FENSKE APPROACHED THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE TRUCK, OBTAINED THEIR NAMES AND LICENSE PLATE NUMBER AND INFORMED THEM THAT THEY WERE DUMPING ILLEGALLY. THESE INDIVIDUALS STATED THAT THEY WERE ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS AND WOULD REPORT THIS INFORMATION BACK TO THEIR SUPERIORS.
- C. WHILE ON SCENE TWO LOCAL BUSINESSMEN APPROACHED OSC FENSKE AND ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING SALVAGE OPERATIONS AND LIABILITY ISSUES WITH REGARD TO THE PROPERTY. OSC FENSKE STATED HE WOULD GET THESE INDIVIDUALS IN CONTACT WITH AN EPA ENFORCEMENT POINT OF CONTACT TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS.
- D. TAT OBTAINED A TOTAL OF SIX SAMPLES WHILE ON SITE. ONE SAMPLE WAS FROM A 55 GALLON STEEL DRUM LABELLED AS FLAMMABLE PAINT AND LOCATED INSIDE THE GARAGE OF THE MAIN BUILDING. THIS SAMPLE WILL BE TESTED FOR FLASH POINT AND VOAs. ONE SAMPLE OF ANHYDROUS SODIUM SULFITE WAS OBTAINED IN THE BOILER ROOM AREA ADJACENT TO THE MAIN OFFICE AND GARAGE AND WILL BE ANALYZED FOR SULFITES. THE FOUR REMAINING SAMPLES WERE OBTAINED IN

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AN OPEN CONCRETE BRICK BUILDING. TWO OF THESE SAMPLES WILL BE TESTED FOR FLASH POINT AND VOAs, ONE FOR PCBs, AND ONE FOR ASBESTOS. THE LAB USED IS PRINCETON TESTING LABORATORY, PRINCETON, NJ. THE TURN-AROUND TIME IS APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS.

- E. TAT CONDUCTED PHOTO AND WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF ALL SITE ACTIVITIES.
- F. TAT PLACED A PADLOCK ON THE DOORS OF THE CONCRETE BRICK BUILDING TO LIMIT ACCESS AS INSTRUCTED BY THE OSC.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC AND TAT TO AWAIT ANALYTICAL RESULTS.
- B. OSC TO CONTACT WVDNR REGARDING FUTURE SITE ACTIVITIES.

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Subject: BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE POLREP #1

POLREP #1  
BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE  
HOULT ROAD  
FAIRMONT, MARION COUNTY, WV 26554  
ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, GREGG CRYSTALL, AND STEPHEN LUFTIG

I. SITUATION

- A. ON 11/26/91, REGION III TAT CONDUCTED A WINDSHIELD ASSESSMENT AT THE BIG JOHN'S SALVAGE SITE IN FAIRMONT, MARION CO., WV. THIS SITE WAS A FORMER EPA REMOVAL SITE. THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO GATHER INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT SITE STATUS AND TO DETERMINE THE SAMPLING LOCATIONS FOR A FUTURE SAMPLING ASSESSMENT.
- B. THE SITE LIES ON AN ABANDONED SALVAGE YARD CONSISTING OF VARIOUS DEBRIS PILES. EPA ASSISTANCE WAS REQUESTED FROM WVDNR TO THE DUE APPARENT RECENT DUMPINGS OF NUMEROUS DRUMS CONTAINING IGNITABLE SOLVENTS AND HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS.
- C. PERSONNEL ON SCENE: TAT-2, WVDNR-4.
- D. WEATHER: MOSTLY SUNNY AND COLD, TEMPS IN THE LOW 20'S.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. ON 11/26/91, AT 0900 HOURS, TAT ARRIVED ON SITE AND MET WITH WVDNR INSPECTOR JOHN HANDO. HANDO PROVIDED TAT WITH A VERBAL BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION OF WVDNR FINDINGS.
- B. AT 0930 HOURS, TAT AND WVDNR PERFORMED A WINDSHIELD ASSESSMENT OF THE SITE. TAT AND WVDNR NOTED VARIOUS DRUMS ON THE SITE, SOME OF WHICH WERE BULGING.
- C. AT 0945 HOURS, TAT AND WVDNR INSPECTED THE MAIN OFFICE BUILDING, GARAGE AND BOILER ROOM WHICH ARE ALL CONNECTED IN ONE MAIN BUILDING. THREE-55 GALLON BULGING DRUMS WERE FOUND ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING, ONE-55 GALLON DRUM LABELLED FLAMMABLE PAINT INSIDE THE GARAGE, ALONG WITH A TWO AND ONE HALF GALLON CAN. A TOTAL OF THREE-55 GALLON DRUMS AND FOUR-FIVE GALLON CANS CONTAINING SOME FORM OF LIQUID, AND THREE CARDBOARD BARRELS LABELLED CONTAINING ANHYDROUS SODIUM SULFITE WERE FOUND IN THE BOILER ROOM AREA.

- D. AT 1000 HOURS, TAT AND WVDNR INSPECTED AN OPEN CONCRETE BRICK BUILDING. THIS BUILDING CONTAINED 15-20 CARDBOARD BOXES OF ASBESTOS, ONE DRUM LABELLED CONTAINING HAZARDOUS WASTE WHICH WVDNR STATED CONTAINED FOUR CAPACITORS, FOUR-55 GALLON DRUMS, ONE-30 GALLON DRUM AND NINE-FIVE GALLON DRUMS.
- E. ON THE REMAINING AREA OF THE SITE ONE-FIVE GALLON CAN LABELLED CONACO HYDRAULIC OIL-32, ONE BULGING DRUM, AND ONE-55 GALLON DRUM LABELLED HYDRAULIC TRANSMISSION FLUID WERE FOUND.
- F. TAT ALSO NOTED TREE CUTTINGS BEING DUMPED ON THE SITE. WVDNR INFORMED TAT THAT ASPLUNDH TREE SERVICE WAS ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DUMPING OF THE TREE CUTTINGS.
- G. TAT CONDUCTED PHOTO AND WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF ALL SITE ACTIVITIES.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC AND TAT TO PREPARE FOR A SAMPLING ASSESSMENT OF THE SITE.
- B. OSC TO NOTIFY EPA ENFORCEMENT SECTION ON THE CURRENT SITE STATUS.
- C. OSC TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM WVDNR ON SITE STATUS.
- D. BASED ON THE FUTURE ANALYTICAL RESULTS, OSC AND TAT TO DRAFT ACTION MEMORANDUM.

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**Special Bulletin A  
Big John's Salvage, Hoult Road Site  
Fairmont, West Virginia**

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**DATE:** May 13, 1992

**SUBJECT:** Notification of 50K Activation  
at the Big John's Salvage, Hoult Road Site

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A child was recently exposed to and burned by chemicals abandoned at the Big John's Salvage, Hoult Road Site ("Site") by the previous owner and operator, now deceased. In 1984 and 1985, EPA expended approximately \$494,877.85 to abate the release of hazardous substances and the threat to the public health and welfare posed by such substances. Subsequently, the State of West Virginia, who acquired the Site through tax default, has been removing junk and other solid waste from the Site. During the cleanup of junk, drums and other vessels of chemicals have been located and uncovered which were not identified or addressed by previous Removal action. Several drums are leaking or damaged and unstable. Sampling has shown that many of the vessels contain hazardous substances, including but not limited to characteristic flammable materials. The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources ("WVDNR") has requested EPA assistance to dispose of the hazardous substances at the Site because an expeditious response action cannot be undertaken by the State.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The Big John Salvage Hoult Road Site is a defunct salvage yard on a 10-12 acre plot including several buildings in various states of deterioration. The site is located approximately two miles north of Route 150 in the town of Fairmont, West Virginia, within 1/4 mile of 15 residences and within 300 yards of an industrial facility.

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In addition, the Monongahela River, a major recreational resource for the State and a drinking water supply for the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, flows within 1/4 mile of the site.

Drums of hazardous substances are located in four of the structures situated on the site along with an asbestos material located in one of the buildings. Three cardboard drums of material labelled as anhydrous sodium sulfite are located in one dilapidated building on site. One of these drums had reacted with rainwater. The remaining two containers are in poor physical condition. Several bulging 55-gallon steel drums in various stages of decay, containing unknown materials are present outside of the buildings.

A CERCLA Removal action occurred at the site from July 24, 1984 through April 26, 1985. During this time 4,100 tons of coal tar waste solids and 18,500 tons of liquid non-hazardous waste were removed from this Site and disposed of.

### III. Threat

An actual public exposure and subsequent harm has already occurred due to direct contact with hazardous substances, as evidenced by the incident involving a child burned by chemicals from the site. Direct contact continues to be the chief threat to the public health and welfare and that of the environment. In addition, there exists several other potential exposure pathways due to the presence of leaking and unstable vessels of unknown chemicals suspected of being or containing hazardous substances as well as materials identified as being hazardous substances. Access to the Site is unrestricted to Hoult Road which is a principle thoroughfare in the area and includes commercial and residential properties. The nearest residence is within 100 feet of the Site.

### IV. SCOPE OF WORK

Emergency funds will be used to mitigate the threat posed by the Site. Pursuant to CERCLA and the NCP, the OSC has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to utilize 50K authority to immediately overpack leaking drums at the Site, cover and stabilize all vessels of hazardous substances and unknown chemicals in secure area of the Site and fence and post warning signs around such materials. This will stabilize the Site against unwitting exposure to hazardous substances pending procurement of funding for proper disposal. Such a secured area can then be used by WVDNR to store any additional drums and vessels that may be uncovered during the junk removal.

The authorized budget for this \$50K removal is as follows:

ERCS	\$35,000
TAT	\$ 7,500
EPA (Direct)	\$ 5,000
EPA (Indirect)	\$ 2,500

V. OSC ACTION

Upon review of lack of available resources, and upon the request and recommendation of state officials, the OSC determines that an emergency threat to public health and the environment exists from conditions at the site. The OSC issued a Delivery Order this date for \$35,000 to mitigate the immediate threat.

Discussions with EPA Enforcement and ORC indicate that it is unlikely that previous owners and operators or generators can be identified. The current owner, the State of West Virginia, acquired the property through default due to tax delinquency. Therefore, there appears that no viable PRP response option exists to expeditiously secure and stabilize the Site. Future actions will include sampling and disposal of hazardous substances.

Because the conditions at this site meet the conditions set forth in Section 300.415 of the National Contingency Plan for an immediate removal, the OSC has initiated funding for this removal action.

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