

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Thursday, February 14, 2008

From: Jack Downie

Subject: Removal Action

Remacor, Inc.

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Latitude: 40.9349711

Longitude: -80.3686583

POLREP No.:	109	Site #:	G3GM
Reporting Period:	2/12-2/14/08	D.O. #:	03-04-015
Start Date:	9/15/2006	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	9/15/2006	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	PAD074965096	Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

EPA is continuing emergency removal actions at this site during the repackaging, transportation, and removal of flammable magnesium materials. Magnesium generators, who previously supplied Remacor with recyclable magnesium and magnesium alloys, are removing their materials from the site. Internet has suspended shipping material until further notice. SPX Contech will be repackaging the remainder of its material in preparation to ship it off site when weather will allow. Hitchcock Industries has been on site to identify their material they will begin removing it when the weather breaks.

EPA's ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) is shipping RAD drums which have been relocated from Building #2 to Building #7. ERRS continues to react material from Building #2. PADEP is providing technical and oversight support at the site. EPA START contractor TechLaw is providing technical and administrative support to the EPA. EPA and PADEP officials continue to control access to the site in addition to coordinating the activities of the various generators.

Current Activities

Personnel On-Scene:

02/12/08 EPA-1, START-2, ERRS-8, TGA-1, Security-1 (24 hr)

02/13/08 EPA-3, START-1, ERRS-8, Security-1 (24 hr)

02/14/08 EPA-2, START-2, ERRS-8, TGA-1, Other-1, Security-1 (24 hr)

Weather:

02/12/08 Low of 10° F, high of 31° F. Light Snow, 0.00 inches of precipitation, wind ESE 6-10 mph.

02/13/08 Low of 19° F, high of 22° F. Light Snow, 0.00 inches of precipitation, NNW 7-9 mph.

02/14/08 Low of 9° F, high of 30° F. Clear, 0.00 inches of precipitation, SSW 3-9 mph.

02/12/08

EPA's Senior Administrative Officer of the Removal Program Rich Messimer mobilized to site for administrative oversight of. EPA's Rich Messimer demobilized.

ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities, areas of concern and safety issues associated with the day's activities. ERRS continues to react material from Building 2 in the reaction pit. The ERRS Contractor is dumping the contents of drums marked "residual waste" and the contents of unknown drums into the pit and adding water to the material to accelerate a reaction. ERRS reacted approximately 60 drums for the day. Guardian's subcontractor T.G. Adams and Associate (TGA) oversaw 2 truckloads of RAD drums shipped off site. Each load consisted of 80 drums (20 pallets @ 4 drums/pallet) with an estimated weight of 40,000 pounds each. Both loads were transported by S J Transportation, Woodstown, NJ and consigned to U S Ecology, Idaho.

START assisted the EPA as needed and conducted written/photographic documentation.

02/13/08

USEPA's OSC's Marjorie Easton and Jack Downie mobilized to site and oversaw all activities. EPA's Senior Administrative Officer of the Removal Program Rich Messimer mobilized to site for administrative oversight. EPA's Rich Messimer demobilized.

ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental, held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities, areas of concern and safety issues associated with the day's activities. ERRS continued to react material from Building 2 in the reaction pit ERRS added the contents of drums marked as "residual waste" into the pit and added water to the material to accelerate a reaction. ERRS is using full face respirators any time they are either working the pit or in the vicinity of the reaction pit. ERRS also staged 1 truckload of RAD drums in the aisle by the loading dock for transportation off site on 2/14/08.

START assisted as needed and conducted written/photographic documentation.

02/14/08

U.S.EPA's OSC Marjorie Easton and OSC Jack Downie were on site for oversight of activities. OSC Easton and Downie demobilized.

ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities, areas of concern and safety issues associated with the day's activities. ERRS continued to react material from Building 2 in the reaction pit. ERRS is reacting the contents of 50 – 60 drums per day. ERRS continues to use full face respirators any time they are either working the pit or in the vicinity of the reaction pit. Guardian's subcontractor T.G. Adams and Associate (TGA) oversaw 1 truckload of RAD drums shipped off site. The load consisted of 80 drums (20 pallets @ 4 drums/pallet) with an estimated weight of 40,000 pounds. The load was transported by S J Transportation, Woodstown, NJ and consigned to U S Ecology, Idaho.

START assisted as needed and conducted written/photographic documentation. START demobilized for the weekend.

Next Steps

No PRP activity is presently occurring on site. All PRP removal action has been suspended by the companies until inclement winter weather conditions subside and the weather allows them to resume activities.

T.G. Adams and Associates, Inc plans to complete shipping RAD drums the week of 2/18/08.

ERRS plans to demobilize on 2/15/08 and mobilize on 2/18/08.

EPA will continue to coordinate with magnesium waste generators for the safe and appropriate removal of the material from the site. EPA will continue to coordinate with all local, state, and federal agencies.

Key Issues

The drums located in Building 2 marked as residual waste are being reacted by ERRS. They are being treated as highly hazardous because the contents of the drums are not known.

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