

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

**Date:** Monday, March 3, 2008

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**Subject:** Removal Action  
Remacor, Inc.  
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Latitude: 40.9349711  
Longitude: -80.3686583

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|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>POLREP No.:</b>       | 115          | <b>Site #:</b>             | G3GM           |
| <b>Reporting Period:</b> | 3/01-3/03/08 | <b>D.O. #:</b>             | 03-04-015      |
| <b>Start Date:</b>       | 9/15/2006    | <b>Response Authority:</b> | CERCLA         |
| <b>Mob Date:</b>         | 9/15/2006    | <b>Response Type:</b>      | Emergency      |
| <b>Demob Date:</b>       |              | <b>NPL Status:</b>         | Non NPL        |
| <b>Completion Date:</b>  |              | <b>Incident Category:</b>  | Removal Action |
| <b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>     | PAD074965096 | <b>Contract #</b>          |                |
| <b>RCRIS ID #:</b>       |              |                            |                |

**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) has completed reacting drums from Building #2 and is reacting drums from Building #8. 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:

03/01/08 START-1, ERRS-8, Security-1 (24 hr)

03/03/08 EPA-1, PADEP-1, START-2, ERRS-8, Other-2, Security-1 (24 hr)

Weather:

03/01/08 Low of 28° F, high of 30° F. Light Snow, 0.00inches of precipitation, wind W 6-16 mph.

03/03/08 Low of 49° F, high of 65° F. Clear, 0.00 inches of precipitation, SSW 6-10 mph.

03/01/08

Emergency and Rapid Response Services (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 has reacted the contents of over 1,000 drums from Buildings #2 and #8 to date. ERRS is taking extra precautions when working the material. ERRS cleaned equipment and did maintenance for the weekend.

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

03/03/08

U.S.EPA's OSC Jack Downie mobilized to site for oversight of activities and site entry.

PADEP Mariruth Hoffman mobilized to site and assisted the EPA in oversight. PADEP Hoffman demobilized.

Emergency and Rapid Response Services (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 taken from Building 8 in the reaction pit. Small amounts of the material were added in a controlled manner. The material exploded, sparked and gave off significant heat and gasses.

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

### 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 safe resumption of activities.

National Machine Company plans to submit a work/safety plan to the EPA.

Mag Electron plans to be on site 3/4/08 to identify their material.

Trimag S.E.C. (Spectra/Premium Industries Inc.) plans to be on site 3/6/08.

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

Drummed materials located in Building 2 and Building 8 marked as residual waste is being reacted by ERRS. The drums are being treated as hazardous because the exact contents of the drums is not known.

### Estimated Costs \*

|                         | Budgeted              | Total To Date         | Remaining           | % Remaining   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Extramural Costs</b> |                       |                       |                     |               |
| ERRS - Cleanup TDD -1   | \$575,000.00          | \$496,480.00          | \$78,520.00         | 13.66%        |
| ERRS - Cleanup TDD -2   | \$1,875,000.00        | \$1,264,078.00        | \$610,922.00        | 32.58%        |
| RST/START               | \$482,980.00          | \$252,164.00          | \$230,816.00        | 47.79%        |
| <b>Intramural Costs</b> |                       |                       |                     |               |
|                         |                       |                       |                     |               |
| <b>Total Site Costs</b> | <b>\$2,932,980.00</b> | <b>\$2,012,722.00</b> | <b>\$920,258.00</b> | <b>31.38%</b> |

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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