

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

**Date:** Monday, March 17, 2008

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**Subject:** Removal Action  
Remacor, Inc.  
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| <b>POLREP No.:</b>       | 119          | <b>Site #:</b>             | G3GM           |
| <b>Reporting Period:</b> | 3/15-3/17/08 | <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 material when the weather breaks.

EPA's ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) has completed reacting drums from Building #2 and from Building #8 and has started reacting sacks of LimeMag. ERRS plans to demobilize on 3/20/08 and mobilize to site on 3/24/08. 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:

03/15/08 START-1, ERRS-8, Security-1 (24 hr)

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Weather:

03/15/08 Low of 34° F, high of 40° F. Overcast, 0.00inches of precipitation, wind SW 3-7 mph.

03/17/08 Low of 18° F, high of 40° F. Clear, 0.00 inches of precipitation, ESE 4-10 mph.

03/15/08

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 is continues to react sacks and containers believed to contain lime-mag. ERRS is taking extra precautions when working the material and continues to wear full face shields with appropriate filters when working in close proximity to the reaction pit.

START assisted as needed and conducted written/photographic documentation.

03/17/08

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 approximately 40 super sacks and 8 bins of

material from Building #2, most of them marked as lime-mag. The material is giving off significant amounts of heat and gasses.

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

### Next Steps

Hitchcock's contractor MHF plans to begin repackaging and removing their material the 3rd week of April.

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 the safe resumption of repacking activities.

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

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

Material located in Building 2 marked as LimeMag are being reacted by ERRS. The material is highly reactive and gives off significant amounts of heat, steam and gasses when reacted with water. ERRS is extra cautious when working with this material.

### 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        | \$1,334,256.00        | \$540,744.00        | 28.84%        |
| RST/START               | \$482,980.00          | \$245,790.00          | \$237,190.00        | 49.11%        |
| <b>Intramural Costs</b> |                       |                       |                     |               |
|                         |                       |                       |                     |               |
| <b>Total Site Costs</b> | <b>\$2,932,980.00</b> | <b>\$2,076,526.00</b> | <b>\$856,454.00</b> | <b>29.20%</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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