

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Removal Action
Remacor, Inc.
P.O. Box 366, West Pittsburg, PA
Latitude: 40.9349711
Longitude: -80.3686583

POLREP No.:	158	Site #:	G3GM
Reporting Period:	7/01-7/02/08	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. There have been no further communications from magnesium generators, who previously supplied Remacor with recyclable magnesium and magnesium alloys. The EPA is making plans to repackage material to make it stable and accessible for the remainder of the generators who wish to remove their material.

EPA's ERRS is preparing to repackage the remainder of drums on site. 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:

07/01/08 EPA-2, PADEP-1, START-1, ERRS-6, Other-2, Security-1 (24 hr)

07/02/08 EPA-2, PADEP-1, START-1, ERRS-6, Other-1, Security-1 (24 hr)

Weather:

07/01/08 Low of 57° F, high of 78° F Partly Cloudy, 0.00inches of precipitation, wind NW 5-9 mph.

07/02/08 Low of 59° F, high of 81° F. Clear, 0.00inches of precipitation, SSW 6-12 mph.

07/01/08

USEPA OSC Marjorie Easton mobilized to site for oversight of activities.

USEPA Senior Site Administrative Officer of the Removal Program Rich Messimer mobilized to site for administrative oversight. Rich Messimer demobilized.

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. ERRS is moving pallets from west of Building #2 to north of Building #8 for staging in order repackage drums.

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

07/02/08

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Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities. ERRS transferred pallets from southwest of Building #2 to the open field north of Building #8 to prepare to repackage drums the week of 7/07/08.

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

Next Steps

ERRS plans on starting to repackage the remainder of orphaned material on site the week of 7/07/08.

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

While cleaning and rearranging material in Building #9 ERRS came across 5-1 pint cans. Upon further investigation of the cans they were observed to have plastic bags which were submerged in oil. The bags held approximately 3-5 pounds each of what is believed to be Lanthanum which is often submerged in oil in air tight packages to keep air and moisture from making contact with the material. Lanthanum is the most reactive of the rare-earth metals and oxidizes rapidly when exposed to air.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup TDD -1	\$575,000.00	\$491,435.00	\$83,565.00	14.53%
ERRS - Cleanup TDD -2	\$2,275,000.00	\$2,130,645.00	\$144,355.00	6.35%
RST/START	\$482,980.00	\$304,992.00	\$177,988.00	36.85%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$3,332,980.00	\$2,927,072.00	\$405,908.00	12.18%

* 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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