

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2008

From: Jack Downie

Subject: Removal Action

Remacor, Inc.

P.O. Box 366, West Pittsburg, PA

Latitude: 40.9349711

Longitude: -80.3686583

POLREP No.:	106	Site #:	G3GM
Reporting Period:	2/05-2/06/08	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 will be on site to identify their material.

EPA's ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) is preparing to ship RAD drums which have been relocated from Building #2 to Building #7. ERRS has started reacting 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:

02/05/08 EPA-1, PADEP-1, ERRS-8, Hitchcock-2, TGA-1, Other-2, Security-1 (24 hr)

02/06/08 EPA-1, START-1, ERRS-8, TGA-3, Other-2, Security-1 (24 hr)

Weather:

02/05/08 Low of 51° F, high of 56° F. Overcast, 0.00 inches of precipitation, wind SW 5-9 mph.

02/06/08 Low of 39° F, high of 43° F. Overcast, 0.01 inches of precipitation, NNE 3-15 mph.

02/05/08

EPA's OSC Dennis Matlock mobilized to site for oversight of activities and site entry. OSC Matlock demobilized.

PADEP Mariruth Hoffman mobilized to site and assisted the EPA in oversight of activities and site entry and exit. PADEP Hoffman also changed out filters in the High Volume Air Samplers. PADEP Hoffman demobilized.

PADEP Hoffman escorted Michael Medina of Hitchcock Industries, Inc and his contractor on site to identify their material.

ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities, areas of concern and safety protocol. 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 where water was added and the material was allowed to react. ERRS also had a contractor on site, T.G. Adams and Associates. The RAD drums will be screened and labeled prior to being shipped off site for disposal.

START was off site due to mandatory training.

02/06/08

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

ERRS contractor Guardian Environmental, Inc held its morning safety meeting and discussed the days planned activities, areas of concern and safety protocol. ERRS continued reacting material from Building 2 in the reaction pit. The material continues to give off heat and gas. ERRS personal are using full face respirators any time they are either working the pit or in the vicinity of the reaction pit.

START mobilized to site and assisted the OSC with written and photographic documentation.

Next Steps

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

T.G. Adams and Associates, Inc plans to begin shipping RAD drums by 2/8/08.

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

A number of the drums located in Building 2 are marked as residual waste and the contents of the drums are not known. ERRS is treating all material as hazardous and using extreme caution when reacting the material in the reaction pit.

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