

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Black Leaf Chemical - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IV

Subject: POLREP #2
Excavation Work Begins
Black Leaf Chemical
B4L7
Louisville, KY
Latitude: 38.2318091 Longitude: -85.7827199

To:
From: Art Smith, On-Scene Coordinator
Date: 8/18/2013
Reporting Period: 8/12/13 through 8/16/13

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	B4L7	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	8/23/2011
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	9/23/2011	Start Date:	9/23/2011
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	KYD980559250	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	08/29/2011
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Inactive Production Facility

1.1.2 Site Description

1.1.2.1 Location

The Site is located on a portion of a 29-acre parcel of land at 1391 Dixie Highway in the Park Hill neighborhood of Louisville. The 29-acre parcel is bordered by a densely populated residential area to the north, a large rail yard to the south, and industrial/commercial areas to the east and west. Multiple brick structures occupy the Site, which was the location of a pesticide formulating operation, a whiskey distillery, and several wood drying and lumber distribution companies in the past. The Site is currently abandoned.

The Site comprises the areal extent of contamination, which includes the 29-acre industrial park, the public right of ways to the north of the facility and the following residential properties to the north of the facility:

1532 Wilson Avenue
1610 Wilson Avenue
1616 Wilson Avenue
1620 Wilson Avenue
1624 Wilson Avenue
1632 Wilson Avenue
1728 Wilson Avenue
1732 Wilson Avenue
1748 St. Louis Avenue
1752 St. Louis Avenue

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

On July 25, 2011, the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP) Superfund Branch requested that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 evaluate this Site for purposes of conducting a time-critical removal action. The request was based on the results of an October 2010 Site Investigation (SI) that revealed high concentrations of organochlorine pesticides in surface soil at an industrial park. KDEP also cited the lack of controls on access to the Site and the inability to compel the current property owner to secure the Site.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

On August 8, 2011, On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Smith and KDEP performed a site inspection. At that

time, a gate at the 17th Street entrance to the Site was missing and evidence of trespassing was noted in areas of the Site where hazardous substance releases are present. Based on this information, the OSC completed the removal site evaluation under 40 CFR Section 300.410, and concluded that the Site meets the National Contingency Plan (NCP) criteria for a time-critical removal action. On September 13, 2011, the EPA initiated a time-critical removal action to repair the fence and secure the Site to protect the public from potential direct contact with hazardous substances.

In September and October 2011, the EPA collected soil samples on-site in a storm drain and at multiple locations just outside the fence along the perimeter of the Site to determine whether hazardous substances had migrated to off-site areas. Analytical results indicated that arsenic, lead, and organochlorine pesticides which were released at the Site have migrated off-site into the public sewer system and the public right of ways.

In February 2012, the EPA collected soil samples at 50 residential properties located in close proximity to the Site. In November 2012, both the EPA and the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection collected soil samples at 19 additional residential properties. Analytical results indicated that arsenic, lead, organochlorine pesticides and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) which were released at the Site have migrated to nearby residential properties. In particular, arsenic, benzo(a)pyrene, and lead are at concentrations which exceed the EPA's Removal Management Levels (RML) for residential areas.

In June 2013, an Action Memorandum was signed authorizing \$312,600 in funding for EPA to conduct a time-critical removal action at the 10 residential lots where EPA's RMLs are exceeded.

In addition to the 10 residential properties where the EPA will remove contaminated surface soils, KDEP will conduct cleanup at up to 67 residential properties where benzo(a)pyrene exceeds the KDEP cleanup criterion.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

During the week of August 12, site preparation activities were conducted by ERRS contractor CMC, Inc., which will support the time-critical removal action. On August 14, excavation began in the unpaved areas of the alley running behind the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Wilson Avenue. The excavation is one foot deep and is backfilled with dense grade aggregate. By August 16, excavation and restoration of the alley was completed from 1514 Wilson to 1626 Wilson.

Also during the week of August 12, the EPA Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) and the OTIE START contractor met with the owners of 4 residential properties to conduct pre-construction surveys. These surveys are designed to highlight areas that need to be protected (e.g., trees, sheds), and to note all pre-existing conditions.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

Several PRPs for this Site have been identified, and the process of identifying PRPs for this Site is nearly complete. Of the viable PRPs identified for the Site thus far, there is no expressed commitment to undertaking the necessary response actions. Based on a lack of PRP participation, it is necessary to proceed with a fund-lead removal action.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

On August 19, excavation work will begin in the residential lots on the 1500 block of Wilson Avenue then moving west along the alley toward 17th St. The plans are to excavate soil to a one foot depth at the rear of the impacted properties, backfill with clean topsoil, and then lay sod as a ground cover. Each yard is expected to take 2-3 days to complete.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

On August 19, EPA and KDEP will hold a joint news conference at the Site to publicize the initiation of residential soil excavation.

2.2.2 Issues

None

2.3 Logistics Section

NA

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection
Louisville Metro Public Works

4. Personnel On Site

EPA Region 4 - 2
EPA ERT - 1
START - 1
CMC - 7

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

6.2 Reporting Schedule

Polreps will be submitted on a weekly basis

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.