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# FACT SHEET

## Administrative Records in Local Repositories

The "administrative record" is the collection of documents which form the basis for the selection of a response action at a removal site. Under section 113(k) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), EPA is required to establish an administrative record for every CERCLA response action and to make a copy of the administrative record file available at or near the site.

The administrative record file will be available for public review during normal business hours. The record file is treated as a non-circulating reference document. Individuals may photocopy any documents contained in the record file, according to the photocopying procedures at the local repository.

The administrative record file will be maintained at the local repository until further notice. Documents may be added to the record file as the site work progresses. EPA may send supplemental volumes and indexes to the local repository to be placed with the initial record file.

The Agency may hold formal public comment periods at certain stages of the response process. The public is urged to use these formal review periods to submit their written comments. EPA welcomes written comments at any time on documents contained in the administrative record file. Please send any such comments to:

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# The Superfund Removal Program

Incidents involving hazardous substances that present an imminent threat to human health or the environment may occur or be discovered in any community at any time. These kinds of incidents may include, but are not limited to:

- Illegal disposal of toxic materials or hazardous waste,
- Improper handling or disposal of hazardous substances at landfills, industrial areas, etc.
- Spills of hazardous substances when a truck or train overturns,
- Discharges of hazardous substances into the air or water during a fire.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund Emergency Response Program was created to respond to situations such as these.

## How Can EPA Respond to Releases or Threatened Releases of Hazardous Substances?

Under Superfund, EPA may respond to releases or threats of releases of hazardous substances by starting a removal action. A removal action is a short-term action intended

Congress enacted the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as Superfund, in 1980. This law created a tax on the chemical and petroleum industries and provided a broad Federal authority to respond directly to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances that may endanger public health or welfare or the environment. Over 5 years, $1.6 billion were collected and the tax went to a Trust Fund for cleaning up abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for running the Superfund program. On October 17, 1986, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) was signed into law. SARA increases the Trust Fund to $8.5 billion over 5 years and strengthens EPA's authority to conduct cleanup and enforcement activities.

Under the Superfund program, EPA can:

- Pay for the cleanup of hazardous waste sites when those responsible for such sites cannot be found or are unwilling or unable to clean up a site.
- Take legal action to force those responsible for hazardous waste sites that threaten public health or the environment to clean up those sites or pay back the Federal government for the costs of cleanup.

The law authorizes two kinds of response actions:

- Short-term *removals* where actions may be taken to address releases or threats of releases requiring prompt response.
- Longer-term *remedial responses* that permanently and significantly reduce the dangers associated with releases or threats of releases of hazardous substances that are serious but not immediately life threatening. They can be conducted only at sites on EPA's National Priorities List (NPL).

Remedial and removal responses include, but are not limited to

- Destroying, detoxifying or immobilizing the hazardous substances on the site through incineration or other treatment technologies.
- Containing the substances on-site so that they can safely remain there and present no further threat.
- Removing the materials from the site to an EPA-approved, licensed hazardous waste facility for treatment, containment, or destruction.
- Identifying and restoring contaminated ground water, halting further spread of the contaminants, or in some circumstances providing an alternate source of drinking water.

to stabilize or clean up an incident or site that poses a threat to human health or the environment. These actions may include:

- Removing and disposing of hazardous substances,
- Constructing a fence, posting warning signs, or taking other security measures to control access of humans or animals to a site,
- Providing alternate water supplies to local residents where drinking water has become contaminated,
- Temporarily relocating area residents.

Under Superfund, removal actions can last no longer than 12 months in duration or cost more than $2 million, although exemptions may be granted in certain circumstances.

Because the purpose of removal actions is to respond to more immediate threats and because they are short-term actions, they generally cannot deal with long-term environmental problems like area-wide contamination of ground water. In that event, the On-Scene Coordinator refers the site to EPA's Remedial Response Program for further investigation and assessment.

Remedial actions are longer-term actions that stop or substantially reduce releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances that are serious but not immediately life-threatening. Remedial actions can be undertaken only at sites on EPA's National Priorities List (NPL), which identifies the most serious uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites. EPA often conducts both removal and remedial actions at NPL sites. Removal actions may be required if an immediate threat is discovered during remedial work. Removals also must contribute to the efficient performance of any long-term remedial action.

## How Does the Removal Program Work?

The National Contingency Plan (NCP), the Federal regulation that guides the Superfund program, outlines the roles and responsibilities of each agency involved in responding to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The U.S. Coast Guard has primary responsibility for response to releases in or upon the coastal and other navigable waters of the United States, and EPA has primary responsibility for inland response.

The first step in EPA's removal program is the discovery of a release or threatened release of hazardous substances that presents a threat to public health or the environment. EPA may be notified through the National Response Center (NRC) at the 24-hour telephone number 1-800-424-8802, which is operated by the U.S. Coast Guard, or be contacted directly by States, communities, industries or individuals.

The NRC notifies the appropriate government agencies and officials when a release is reported. EPA's On-Scene Coordinator evaluates the situation, and based upon this evaluation, may use Superfund money to clean up the incident if those responsible for the incident cannot or will not conduct the cleanup, or if State or local officials are unable to respond. Other government agencies may be called upon for assistance when necessary, depending upon the nature and extent of the release.

Who Pays For Removal Actions?

Some removals are paid for or conducted by those responsible for creating the emergency. In addition to past and present owners or operators, those responsible may include generators, transporters, storers, or disposers of hazardous substances. The rest may be paid for and conducted by State or county response teams with their own funds, or by EPA, using Superfund money. When Superfund money is used, EPA may take action to force those responsible to reimburse the Federal government for the costs of the cleanup.

## COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

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| **ADPC&E** | Arkansas Department of Pollution Control & Ecology |
| **AO** | Administrative Order |
| **ATSDR** | Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry |
| **CDC** | Centers for Disease Control |
| **CERCLA** | Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation & Liability Act of 1980 |
| **EPA** | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| **ERB** | EPA Emergency Response Branch |
| **ERCS** | Emergency Response & Cleanup Service (EPA Contractor) |
| **ESD** | EPA Environmental Services Division |
| **FOIA** | Freedom of Information Act |
| **LDEQ** | Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality |
| **NMED** | New Mexico Environment Department (Formerly **NMEID**) |
| **NPL** | National Priorities List |
| **OPA** | Oil Pollution Act |
| **OSC** | On-Scene Coordinator |
| **ODEQ** | Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (Formerly **OSDH**) |
| **OSHA** | Occupational Safety and Health Administration |
| **POLREP** | Pollution Report |
| **PRP** | Potentially Responsible Party |
| **RCRA** | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 |
| **SARA** | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 |
| **TAT** | Technical Assistance Team (EPA Contractor) |
| **TNRCC** | Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (Formerly **TWC**) |

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SITE NAME: WESTBANK ASBESTOS
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RECORD NUMBER: 1
DOCUMENT DATE: Undated FIRST PAGE: 0001 LAST PAGE: 0014
DOCUMENT TYPE: List of Guidance Documents
DOCUMENT TITLE: Untitled
AUTHOR: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA Headquarters
RECIPIENT: File
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: Lists various asbestos related documents with their abstracts.

RECORD NUMBER: 2
DOCUMENT DATE: 08/01/82 FIRST PAGE: 0015 LAST PAGE: 0027
DOCUMENT TYPE: CPSC and EPA Booklet
DOCUMENT TITLE: Asbestos in the Home
AUTHOR: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: CPSC and EPA
RECIPIENT: Public
COMPANY/AGENCY: Unspecified
DESCRIPTION: Information for consumers for understanding the possible hazards of exposure to asbestos and materials containing asbestos in the home.

RECORD NUMBER: 3
DOCUMENT DATE: 06/01/86 FIRST PAGE: 0028 LAST PAGE: 0039
DOCUMENT TYPE: EPA Booklet, A-107/86-002
DOCUMENT TITLE: Asbestos Fact Book
AUTHOR: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA Headquarters
RECIPIENT: Public
COMPANY/AGENCY: Unspecified
DESCRIPTION: Describes health issues involving asbestos, and what EPA and others in government are doing to address them.

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RECORD NUMBER: 4
DOCUMENT DATE: 07/16/86 FIRST PAGE: 0040 LAST PAGE: 0043
DOCUMENT TYPE: Guidance Memorandum
DOCUMENT TITLE: EPA's "action level" of 1 percent asbestos in bulk samples from unpaved roadways surfaced with crushed serpentine stone containing asbestos.
AUTHOR: Daniel Shane, OSC
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 9
RECIPIENT: File
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 9
DESCRIPTION: Supporting documentation for use of "action levels" in response action decision-making processes.

RECORD NUMBER: 5
DOCUMENT DATE: 07/24/86 FIRST PAGE: 0044 LAST PAGE: 0141
DOCUMENT TYPE: Report
DOCUMENT TITLE: Copper Cove Village Asbestos Site, Copperopolis, CA
AUTHOR: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: Roy F. Weston, Inc.
RECIPIENT: File
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA
DESCRIPTION: Summary report of the asbestos dust mitigation action taken in Copper Cove Village, Copperopolis, CA.

RECORD NUMBER: 6
DOCUMENT DATE: 01/01/87 FIRST PAGE: 0142 LAST PAGE: 0144
DOCUMENT TYPE: Guidance Document
DOCUMENT TITLE: Fact Sheet, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)
AUTHOR: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA
RECIPIENT: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA
DESCRIPTION: Outlines proposed rule for inspections, reinspection and periodic surveillance, management plans, response actions, use of accredited persons, worker and occupant protection, and waiver for state.

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RECORD NUMBER: 7
DOCUMENT DATE: 09/08/88 FIRST PAGE: 0145 LAST PAGE: 0157
DOCUMENT TYPE: Guidance Document
DOCUMENT TITLE: Superfund Asbestos Workgroup Activities
AUTHOR: Hans Crump, Deputy Director, Emergency Response Division
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA Headquarters
RECIPIENT: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA
DESCRIPTION: Contains outline and manual for proposed asbestos guidance document, titled Superfund Environmental Asbestos Assessment Manual.

RECORD NUMBER: 8
DOCUMENT DATE: 01/21/90 FIRST PAGE: 0158 LAST PAGE: 0159
DOCUMENT TYPE: Memorandum with Attachment
DOCUMENT TITLE: Sampling of Westbank Area
AUTHOR: Todd Thibodeaux, Environmental Quality Specialist
COMPANY/AGENCY: LDEQ
RECIPIENT: Harold Ethridge, Acting Administrator
COMPANY/AGENCY: LDEQ
DESCRIPTION: Describes sampling done at 10 locations.

RECORD NUMBER: 9
DOCUMENT DATE: 02/02/90 FIRST PAGE: 0160 LAST PAGE: 0160
DOCUMENT TYPE: Record of Communication
DOCUMENT TITLE: LDEQ Press Release Concerning Asbestos on Driveways in New Orleans Suburbs
AUTHOR: Wally Cooper, OSC
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
RECIPIENT: File
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: Information on the Johns-Manville plant from Daryl Mount's correspondence with LDEQ. Analyses reveal 5-50% asbestos and may have been used in road beds.

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RECORD NUMBER: 10
DOCUMENT DATE: 02/02/90 FIRST PAGE: 0161 LAST PAGE: 0162
DOCUMENT TYPE: Record of Communication with Attachment
DOCUMENT TITLE: Asbestos in Residential Driveways, Jefferson Parish, LA
AUTHOR: John E. Hepola, Chief, Air Enforcement Branch
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
RECIPIENT: Charles Gazda and Sam Becker
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: LDEQ informed EPA of an asbestos problem in residential driveways. A conference call is planned with LDEQ. A press release will be issued by LDEQ.

RECORD NUMBER: 11
DOCUMENT DATE: 02/14/90 FIRST PAGE: 0163 LAST PAGE: 0195
DOCUMENT TYPE: Lab Results with Cover Memorandum
DOCUMENT TITLE: Westgo Asbestos/John Manville site area
AUTHOR: Debra Bendily
COMPANY/AGENCY: LDEQ
RECIPIENT: John Martin, OSC
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: Samples show substantial evidence of a severe problem. Asks if additional bulk sampling is needed.

RECORD NUMBER: 12
DOCUMENT DATE: 02/15/90 FIRST PAGE: 0196 LAST PAGE: 0196
DOCUMENT TYPE: Record of Communication
DOCUMENT TITLE: Conference Call, Westbank Asbestos, Marrero, Jefferson Parish, LA
AUTHOR: John Martin, OSC
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
RECIPIENT: File
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: Discusses conference call with LDEQ.

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RECORD NUMBER: 13
DOCUMENT DATE: 02/27/90 FIRST PAGE: 0197 LAST PAGE: 0197
DOCUMENT TYPE: Potential Hazardous Waste Site Identification
DOCUMENT TITLE: Westbank Asbestos
AUTHOR: John Martin, OSC
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
RECIPIENT: File
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: Numerous residential driveways have been determined to contain asbestos material. Material originated as a waste material at the Johns-Manville plant in Marrero, LA.

RECORD NUMBER: 14
DOCUMENT DATE: 05/01/90 FIRST PAGE: 0198 LAST PAGE: 0199
DOCUMENT TYPE: Guidance Document
DOCUMENT TITLE: EPA/540/2-90/005, Environmental Asbestos Assessment Manual, Part 1 and Part 2
AUTHOR: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA Headquarters
RECIPIENT: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA
DESCRIPTION: Superfund method for determining asbestos in ambient air. Located in the offices of EPA, Region 6.

RECORD NUMBER: 15
DOCUMENT DATE: 06/12/90 FIRST PAGE: 0200 LAST PAGE: 0207
DOCUMENT TYPE: EPA Pamphlet, 20Z-1006
DOCUMENT TITLE: Asbestos, Sound Science, and Public Perceptions
AUTHOR: William K. Reilly, Administrator
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA
RECIPIENT: Public
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA
DESCRIPTION: Address by EPA Administrator given at the Environmental Policy Conference of the American Enterprise Institute, June 12, 1990.

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RECORD NUMBER: 16
DOCUMENT DATE: 11/01/90 FIRST PAGE: 0208 LAST PAGE: 0208
DOCUMENT TYPE: Guidance Document
DOCUMENT TITLE: EPA-340/1-90-003a, Asbestos NESHAP, Demolition and Renovation Inspection and Safety Procedures Workshop
AUTHOR: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA Headquarters
RECIPIENT: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA
DESCRIPTION: Inspection procedure guidelines for demolition and renovation of buildings containing asbestos containing material. Located in the offices of EPA, Region 6.

RECORD NUMBER: 17
DOCUMENT DATE: 09/27/91 FIRST PAGE: 0209 LAST PAGE: 0225
DOCUMENT TYPE: Site Assessment Report
DOCUMENT TITLE: Site Assessment Report for Westbank Asbestos, Marrero, Jefferson Parish, LA
AUTHOR: Troy M. Naquin
COMPANY/AGENCY: Ecology and Environment, Inc.
RECIPIENT: John Martin, OSC
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: LDEQ requested assistance in investigating Jefferson Parish site for potential asbestos health hazard. Reports results of this investigation.

RECORD NUMBER: 18
DOCUMENT DATE: 10/16/92 FIRST PAGE: 0226 LAST PAGE: 0245
DOCUMENT TYPE: Preliminary Assessment Report (PA)
DOCUMENT TITLE: Westbank Asbestos
AUTHOR: S. Bret Kendrick, Task Manager
COMPANY/AGENCY: ICF Technology, Inc.
RECIPIENT: Stacey Bennett, Work Assignment Manager
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: The Westbank Asbestos Site has numerous driveways that are of material containing up to 60% asbestos. Appendix A, Photographs, and References are located at EPA Region 6 offices.

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RECORD NUMBER: 19
DOCUMENT DATE: 03/03/95 FIRST PAGE: 0246 LAST PAGE: 0300
DOCUMENT TYPE: Site Inspection Report (SI)
DOCUMENT TITLE: Westbank Asbestos
AUTHOR: Unspecified
COMPANY/AGENCY: Roy F. Weston, Inc.
RECIPIENT: Stacey Bennett, Work Assignment Manager
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: Screening investigation providing background information, SI sampling activities, and analytical data. Appendix A, Photographs, and References are located at EPA Region 6 offices.

RECORD NUMBER: 20
DOCUMENT DATE: 03/16/95 FIRST PAGE: 0301 LAST PAGE: 0302
DOCUMENT TYPE: Superfund Site Strategy Recommendation
DOCUMENT TITLE: Westbank Asbestos
AUTHOR: Eddie A. Sierra, Section Chief
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
RECIPIENT: File
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: Based on the results of the SI this site does not qualify as a potential candidate for inclusion on the NPL. No Further Remedial Action Planned. Referred to LDEQ.

RECORD NUMBER: 21
DOCUMENT DATE: 07/30/96 FIRST PAGE: 0303 LAST PAGE: 0355
DOCUMENT TYPE: Removal Assessment - Final Report
DOCUMENT TITLE: Westbank Asbestos
AUTHOR: Troy M. Naquin, START
COMPANY/AGENCY: Ecology and Environment, Inc.
RECIPIENT: John Martin, OSC
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: Synopsis of work activities conducted at site. Attachments to Interim Report No. 2 are located at EPA Region 6 offices.

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RECORD NUMBER: 22
DOCUMENT DATE: 08/23/96 FIRST PAGE: 0356 LAST PAGE: 0374
DOCUMENT TYPE: Action Memorandum
DOCUMENT TITLE: Request for a Time-Critical Removal Action and an Exemption from the $2 Million Statutory Limit at the Westbank Asbestos Site
AUTHOR: John J. Martin, Senior OSC
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
RECIPIENT: Jane N. Saginaw, Regional Administrator
COMPANY/AGENCY: EPA, Region 6
DESCRIPTION: Requests approval for a time-critical removal action and exemption from the $2 million statutory limit at the Westbank Asbestos Site.