Message

From: fife.greg@epa.gov [fife.greg@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/26/2019 6:00:31 PM
To: Lyke, Jennifer L. (ATSDR/DCHI/CB) [jlf1@cdc.gov]
Subject: Re: NRC#1250081-Abandoned Radioactive Materials-New Orleans, LA

A few residents from down the road discovered the site and are trying to take advantage of the situation. They have experience with Thompson Hayward and are trying to exploit the City with a class action law suit.

The boxes are not abandoned. It just takes that long to get the sample analysis, profiling, acceptance, and scheduling.

And now, we are subject to USDA Fire Ant Ban.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2019, at 12:31 PM, Lyke, Jennifer L. (ATSDR/DCHI/CB) <jlf1@cdc.gov> wrote:

> Atlanta just forwarded this to us. What's going on?
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> **From:** Nickle, Richard (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD)
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019 12:27:36 PM
> **To:** Whitcomb, Robert C. (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/DEHSP); Ansari, Armin (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/DEHSP)
> **Cc:** Rich, Bill (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/DEHSP); Louis, Egide (ATSDR/DCHI/CB); Young, Patrick (ATSDR/DCHI/CB); Lyke, Jennifer L. (ATSDR/DCHI/CB)
> **Subject:** FW: NRC#1250081-Abandoned Radioactive Materials-New Orleans, LA
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> Not sure if you guys saw this. It sounds like a neighborhood dispute of some kind.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: EOC Report (CDC) <eocreport@cdc.gov>
> Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:33 PM
> To: ATSDR Emergency Response <atsdrer@cdc.gov>; Nickle, Richard (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD) <ran2@cdc.gov>; Rich, Bill (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/DEHSP) <bjr8@cdc.gov>
> Cc: EOC Report (CDC) <eocreport@cdc.gov>
> Subject: NRC#1250081-Abandoned Radioactive Materials-New Orleans, LA
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: EOC Report (CDC) <eocreport@cdc.gov>
> Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:28 PM
> To: ATSDR Emergency Response <atsdrer@cdc.gov>; Nickle, Richard (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD) <ran2@cdc.gov>; Rich, Bill (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/DEHSP) <bjr8@cdc.gov>
> Cc: EOC Report (CDC) <eocreport@cdc.gov>
> Subject: NRC#1250081
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> For your situational awareness.
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> Chandra A. Lewis

CDC EOC Watch Officer
Primary: 770-488-7100
Alternate: 404-444-2638
eocreport@cdc.gov

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Incident Report # 1250081

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by NRC at 20:59 on 25-JUN-19
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: OTHER
Affected Area:
Incident occurred on 18-MAY-19 at 13:00 local incident time.
Affected Medium: LAND / CITY STREET

REPORTING PARTY
Name: SUZETTE BAGNERIS
Organization:
Address: 291 ENGLISH TURN DR
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70131
Email Address: sbagneris@bagnerislawfirm.com

PRIMARY Phone: (504)6151693
Type of Organization: PRIVATE CITIZEN

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Name: MICHAEL J LAUGHLIN
Organization: CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
Address: 1300 PERDIDO ST
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112
PRIMARY Phone: (504)6589800
Type of Organization: LOCAL GOVERNMENT

INCIDENT LOCATION
3400 LOWERLINE ST County: ORLEANS
City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA Zip: 70118

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)
CHRIS Code: RAM Official Material Name: RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

Also Known As: RADIUM 226 AND OTHER RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS
Qty Released: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER REPORTED RADIUM 226 AND OTHER RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS WERE LEFT ON THE STREET FROM A CONTRACTOR. ON MAY 28, 2019 THE MATERIAL WAS DUG UP FROM THE GROUND AND WAS PLACED IN 5 ROLL OFF BINS. THE ROLL OFF BINS ARE SITTING IN THE STREET. THE BINS ARE PARTIALLY ENCLOSED BY THE FENCE. THE FENCE IS OPEN AND THERE IS NO LOCK ON THE GATE. THE BINS ARE SITTING IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA. THE CONTRACTOR ABANDONED THE SITE BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO DUMP THE MATERIAL.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

ARS ALUTE REMEDIATION WAS THE CONTRACTOR. THE CITY ATTORNEY STATED THERE IS RADIUM 226 AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS STILL IN THE GROUND. THE ATTORNEY STATED THAT REMOVING IT WILL MAKE MATTERS WORSE.

INCIDENT DETAILS

Package: N/A
Building ID:
Type of Fixed Object: OTHER
Power Generating Facility: UNKNOWN
Generating Capacity:
Type of Fuel:
NPDES:
NPDES Compliance: UNKNOWN

IMPACT

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: NO Sent to Hospital: Empl/Crew: Passenger:
FATALITIES: NO Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:
EVACUATIONS:NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: NO

Closure Type	Description of Closure	Hours Closed	Direction of Closure

Air: NO

Road: NO Major Artery:NO

Waterway:NO

Track: NO

Passengers Transferred: NO
Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN
Media Interest: LOW Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

MADE NOTIFICATION. CONTRACTOR DID NOT REMOVE THE CONTAINER.

Release Secured: UNKNOWN
Release Rate:
Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:
State/Local: LA DEQ RADIATION HOTLINE
State/Local On Scene:
State Agency Number:

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY (HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (337)7834357
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (770)4887100
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (770)4887100
USCG-GC IMT (PRIMARY)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (609)3518503
DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (SECRETARY'S OPERATION CENTER (SOC))
25-JUN-19 21:13
DHS COUNTERING WMD (CWMD WATCH DESK)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (866)7898304
DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGI
25-JUN-19 21:13 (703)7673477
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (MAIN OFFICE)
(202)5868100
DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (202)3661863
EPA CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (CID LOUISIANA)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (225)9258490
EPA HQ EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (202)5643850
EPA HQ EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (AFTER HOURS SECONDARY)
(202)5643850
EPA RAD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (EPA HEADQUARTERS)

U.S. EPA VI (MAIN OFFICE)
(866)3727745
FBI STRATEGIC INFO OPERATIONS CNTR (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (202)3233300
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (800)6347084
JFO-LA (COMMAND CENTER)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (225)3366513
LA DEPT OF ENV QUAL (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (225)2193640
LA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURSES (OFFICE OF CONSERVATION)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (225)3425524
LA DEPT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (337)

LA GOV OFFICE HS AND EMERGENCY PREP (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (225)9257500
LA GOV OFFICE HS AND EMERGENCY PREP (LA ANALYTICAL AND FUSION EXCHANGE
25-JUN-19 21:13 (225)9253674
LA OFFICE OF GOV (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (225)2195800
LA OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (888)2937020
NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (202)2829201
NOAA RPTS FOR LA (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (206)5264911
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF HS AND EP (OPERATIONS CENTER)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (504)6588700
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (MAIN OFFICE)
(301)8165100
NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER HQ (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMIN (DALLAS OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (801)9180995
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMIN (BATON ROUGE AREA OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (225)2985458
PIPELINE & HAZMAT SAFETY ADMIN (HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATI
25-JUN-19 21:13 (202)3664031
REPORTING PARTY (RP SUBMITTER)
25-JUN-19 21:13
SECTOR NEW ORLEANS (COMMAND CENTER)
(504)3652209
SECTOR NEW ORLEANS (INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (504)3652220
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH OHSEP (DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (985)6522222
DOI/OEPC (OEPC ALBUQUERQUE R6)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (505)5633572
LA STATE POLICE (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (225)9256595
USCG DISTRICT 8 (MAIN OFFICE)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (504)5896225
USCG DISTRICT 8 (PLANNING)
25-JUN-19 21:13 (504)6712080

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1250081 ***
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