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Tonawanda Coke Corporation - Removal Polrep
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Region II

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A28U	**Contract Number:**	
D.O. Number:		**Action Memo Date:**	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	**Response Type:**	Emergency
Response Lead:	STATE	**Incident Category:**	
NPL Status:	Non NPL	**Operable Unit:**	
Mobilization Date:	10/13/2018	**Start Date:**	10/13/2018
Demob Date:	10/21/2018	**Completion Date:**	10/21/2018
CERCLIS ID:	NYD088413877	**RCRIS ID:**	
ERNS No.:		**State Notification:**	Yes
FPN#:		**Reimbursable Account #:**	

1 Incident Category

1.1 Emergency Response

1.1.2 Site Description

Tonawanda Coke Corporation is an industrial coke plant; approximately 160 acres in an industrial area. The facility has been in operation for approximately 100 years. The 30 currently operating coke ovens have been in use since early 1960.

1.1.2.1 Location

The facility is located at 3875 River Rd, Tonawanda, Erie County, New York. The area is an industrial area adjacent to the Niagara River. The nearest residence is located approximately 0.25 miles away.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

There is an immediate threat of release of hazardous substances during the flaring off of coke oven gases.

A full removal site evaluation will be conducted and addressed following facility shutdown.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

EPA and NYSDEC personnel were on site during coke oven process shutdown. EPA conducted air monitoring and sampling in support of NYSDEC's oversight of shutdown activities to assess public impact in the event of a release.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

Coke oven gas sphere purging and flaring operations were completed in the morning of October 20, 2018. The sphere is empty and will be left open to atmosphere.

Air surveillance continued for a 24-hour cycle after the flaring was complete. EPA continued area air sampling through Sunday, October 21, 2018. No exceedances above background have been observed in the six air monitoring stations or in any of the confirmatory laboratory samples.

The monitoring network was shut down until it is needed when intrusive activities start onsite.

All EPA and contractor monitoring personnel demobilized the site on October 21, 2018.

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

TCC filed for bankruptcy on October 16, 2018. ORC continues to represent EPA's interest with TCC attorneys.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

Waste Stream	*Medium*	*Quantity*	*Manifest #*	*Treatment*	*Disposal*

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

No additional activities anticipated at this time. Air surveillance was completed the morning of Sunday, October 21, 2018.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

EPA will continue the assessment of the potential public and environmental threats posed by the site.

2.2.2 Issues

TCC will not inform EPA how long they will remain on site to assist with transition.

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	$150,000.00	$0.00	$150,000.00	100.00%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	$150,000.00	$0.00	$150,000.00	100.00%

* 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.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

EPA is coordinating with NYSDEC and the Town of Tonawanda Water Resources Department during facility shutdown.

4. Personnel On Site

Two OSCs, one DECA member, one ERT member, 1 ERRS member and two ERT-SERAS staff were on site October 21, 2018. One OSC, one DECA member, one ERT member and two SERAs members demobilized on October 21, 2018. The remaining personnel will continue with the on-site Removal Site Evaluation.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.