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DECONTAMINATION/STAGING SITE ASSESSMENT

Facility Name :	Cocodrie	Facility Location ID:	CocW01
Assessment Date :	7/6/2010	Incident Name :	BP Spill
Physical Location :	Cocodrie Marina 106 Pier 56		
City, State :	Chauvin, LA	County :	Terrebone

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

General Site Information and Observations	
1. All waste stored in lined rolloff boxes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Rolloff boxes covered after filled (or end of day)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Any evidence of oily waste or oily waste waters?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. If yes, was it adequately addressed?	
5. How many samples were collected?	11

Additional Comments :

During collection of samples from solid waste roll off box, bags of oily liquid were discovered. Heritage rep immediately stopped allowing an new bags of waste being added until Heritage and Anderson (company placing the bagged material into the roll off) could determine a resolution and determine how bagged liquid waste was mistakenly placed in roll off.

FOLLOW UP:

Follow up summary to the Decontamination & Waste Site Assessment Checklist completed 7/6/10.

After EPA found liquid oil material in drum liners in the oiled solid waste roll-off box, a Heritage rep immediately stopped allowing any other material from being added and the tarp was placed back over the top and secured. EPA reported to Heritage that at least four other similar bags were noted in the roll-off. A meeting with O'Briens (prime contractor to BP), Heritage, and Anderson was held at the roll-off box area to determine how liquid waste could have been added to this waste-stream.

The initial report back to the EPA was that the previous evening, mechanics had been working on a nearby barge and must have changed out oil and placed the waste oil in the roll-off box by mistake (there is a waste-oil stream container nearby the roll-off box area). This theory was accepted by the EPA as a visual staining of the interior of the clear plastic bags was very similar to waste-oil, and not orange/reddish like most of the oil material being recovered from this oil spill.

On the morning of 7/7/2010, the EPA was informed by the Heritage rep that after a complete investigation of the material in the roll-off box, a total of 20 double wrapped bags of liquid oil material was discovered and many of them had sand within and outside the bags. This revealed that the bags were actually generated during beach cleanup operations from the morning of 7/6/2010

At the morning captains meeting on 7/7/2010, O'Briens rep informed all sub contractors conducting cleanup operations that throwing liquid waste into the solid waste roll-off box would not be tolerated. He also informed that when liquid waste was generated, to inform the Heritage rep so that it could be placed in the appropriate waste-stream. The heritage rep informed them that a Heritage representative and an Anderson Representative would visually inspect every bag prior to entering the roll-off for all future activities, making sure this does not happen again. The Heritage rep also informed the EPA rep that if additional liquid waste streams become necessary at the end of the dock (in addition to the current skimmer oil frac tank, oily decon water frac tank, and waste oil drums), proper containers will be added and EPA will be informed.

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