



# Valley Drive Abandoned Slurry Site Update

## USEPA Region 8

Operational Period 05:

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

## STORY MAP

[Valley Drive Abandoned Slurry Story Map](#)

## SITE DESCRIPTION

The Valley Drive Abandoned Slurry Site is located at 185 West Valley Drive, Kalispell, Montana. This Removal Action involves the cleanup and proper disposal of hydrocarbon waste and debris at private property in Kalispell, Montana. The waste contains numerous Polynuclear Aromatic Compounds (PAHs); ethylbenzene, xylene, and naphthalene. The Site was identified through a report by a private citizen to the National Response Center (NRC) and has been the subject of attempts by both Flathead County and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality to compel cleanup by the property owner. Conditions at the Site present a threat to public health and the environment and meet the criteria for initiating a removal action under 40 CFR § 300.415(b) of the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

In July 2022 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested access to inspect and conduct cleanup activities on-site. However, this request was denied by the property owner. As a result, the EPA, via the Department of Justice (DOJ), sought a Warrant for Access through the Federal District Court for the District of Montana. The Court issued the requested warrant on September 7, 2022 and EPA mobilized to the Site on September 15, 2022. The warrant expires on November 30, 2022.



**Southeast Side of Site**



**Northeast Side of Site**



**Hydrocarbon Waste Product**

## SAFETY MESSAGE

- Always watch out for yourself and the coworkers/public around you.
- Always protect yourself, coworkers and public from exposure to contaminants.
- Prevent contamination from spreading beyond work area.
- Discuss site conditions daily.
- Conduct daily safety checks on equipment and general site conditions.
- Remove, mark or remedy hazards when you see them. Notify OSC of all hazards.

## OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Completely drain and disassemble tank 14.
2. Solidify/stabilize all of the drained hydrocarbon waste.



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### OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES (Continued)

3. Properly dispose of all of the solidified hydrocarbon waste.
4. Haul all of the remaining scrap metal for recycling.
5. Complete grading of soil to promote proper precipitation drainage.
6. Seed the graded soil for revegetation.
7. Conduct post removal soil sampling.
8. Decontaminate and demobilize site equipment and personnel.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Tank 14 has been completely drained of all hydrocarbon waste (approximately 20,000 gallons) and completely disassembled.
2. Two roll-off boxes and five dump truck loads of stabilized hydrocarbon waste were hauled off-site for disposal. This totaled approximately 76 tons of waste for this period and approximately 586 tons to date.
3. Three roll-off boxes of scrap metal were hauled off-site for recycling. This totaled approximately 90 cubic yards for the period, and 270 cubic yards to date.
4. All hydrocarbon waste on the site has been solidified and properly disposed of.
5. All scrap metal from all 14 tanks has been hauled off site to be recycled.
6. The ground surface has been graded to promote proper precipitation drainage.
7. The graded soil has been seeded for revegetation.
8. Post removal soil sampling has been completed.
9. Site equipment has been decontaminated and demobilized.
10. EPA and ERRS crew have been demobilized.

### PLANNED ACTIVITIES

All removal objectives for this site have been completed including the demobilization of personnel and equipment. Notices for further planned activities or future maintenance will be provided as necessary.

### WEBSITE

For additional information please visit the EPA Valley Drive Abandoned Slurry Response page:

[https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=15686](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=15686)



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### OPERATIONAL PERIOD 05 HIGHLIGHT PHOTOS:



ERRS crew adds dirt for fire suppression



ERRS crew continue cutting tank #14



ERRS crew loading scrap metal for offsite recycling



ERRS crew work on grading site



Site overview on October 21<sup>st</sup>, post seeding



Staged equipment for demobilization