

# EPA Completes Cleanup of Hazardous Substances

**Plating Inc.**  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed a removal action of hazardous substances at a former plating shop in St. Paul, Minn. EPA responders contained immediate health threats inside the shop including spilled caustic liquids, flakes of asbestos-containing materials, leaking containers and open vats of acids that were creating fumes inside the building. Among other cleanup work, EPA secured over 15,000 gallons of hazardous acids, 14 tons of acid sludge, and over 67 tons of caustic liquids and solids including heavy metals and cyanide from the vats and containers throughout the building. EPA staff worked diligently to recycle or reuse materials whenever possible. Consolidated hazardous materials that could not be recycled were transported to approved disposal facilities.

After removing immediate threats to human health and the environment, EPA's next goal is to ensure that viable potentially responsible parties, or PRPs, are held responsible for costs incurred in the removal action. Since EPA performed the cleanup of hazardous waste at the Plating Inc. site, the Agency will use its legal authority to recover costs.

Currently, EPA is in the process of determining the ability of a PRP at the Plating site to pay for cleanup costs. EPA will also consider the needs of the affected community when deciding the best method of recovering cleanup costs. This includes consideration of redevelopment opportunities.



*EPA used this equipment to remove acid sludge from vats at the Plating Inc. cleanup site in St. Paul, Minn.*