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Subject: Fw: Granite State Plating
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Cc: Mike Nalipinski/R1/USEPA/US@EPA, Arthur Johnson/R1/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/23/2011 10:27 AM
Subject: Granite State Plating

Dan,
As we discussed, please contact the George Carrigan at DES about checking out this situation and taking the appropriate actions.

Tina,
Please line up access for the site.

Keep me posted and see me with any questions.

Thanks,
Dave

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From: "Carrigan, George" <George.Carrigan@des.nh.gov>
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Cc: "Regan, John" <John.Regan@des.nh.gov>, "Berry, Rick" <Richard.Berry@des.nh.gov>, "Degler, David" <David.Degler@des.nh.gov>, "Lombardo, George" <George.Lombardo@des.nh.gov>
Date: 11/21/2011 12:02 PM
Subject: Granite State Plating, 10 Main St., Gonic NH

Dave,

In case you were looking to come up to the above site tomorrow (22 Nov), I wanted to let you know that I will be in Berlin, NH on another project. I have spoken with Dave Degler about the site and he knows the basics, and who to contact to meet at the site at the appropriate time.

If you need to speak with Dave Degler, he can be reached at 603-271-2873. Otherwise, you can call

me at 603-271-3746.

If you plan to go to the site on another day, please let me know, so I can coordinate actions at the site.

V/r,

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From: "Regan, John" <John.Regan@des.nh.gov>
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Cc: "Berry, Rick" <Richard.Berry@des.nh.gov>, "Carrigan, George" <George.Carrigan@des.nh.gov>
Date: 11/18/2011 04:27 PM
Subject: FW: Granite State Plating

Dave,

To follow up our quick conversation. We have a potential removal action site. Drums and containers stored in a truck in on mill site in Rochester. The materials appears to be from former plating company that was tenet in the mill complex. George Carrigan is our contact person. He has been in touch with the local officials. I wanted to get it on your radar screen to se if that is something your program could help out with.

John

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carrigan, George
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 4:07 PM
To: Regan, John
Subject: Granite State Plating

John,

Yesterday afternoon SRCIS was contacted by the Rochester Fire Dep. concerning a box truck filled with chemicals that was abandoned by a former tenet of Gonic Mills at 10 Main Street, Gonic, NH. The truck was owned by Granite State Plating. The owner died back on 19 Dec 10.

The fire department had opened the side door of the truck, but immediately closed it when they observed that it was filled floor to ceiling with chemical containers. The fire department does not have a BOL, but was able to obtain an MSDS packet from a former employee that lists the chemicals that they had used. The fire department was concerned about some leakage coming from the truck. I field screened the liquid on the ground and it had a neutral pH. Since the truck had been on site for nearly a year and there was no immediate problem identified, it was decided to wait until morning to proceed with a recon of the truck and stabilize any leakage that would be a problem. The fire department was in agreement with the recommendation. I contacted the state contractor, ENPRO, to set up a meeting at the site for the next morning to proceed with the recon and get a game plan together.

Today, I met with Robert Pelletier, ENPRO, to open the back of the truck (box is ~25' long). We opened the doors and found numerous containers packed floor to ceiling. There were 300-gallon chemical totes, 55-gallon poly drums, cardboard drums and smaller containers. Based on R. Pelletier's experience what he saw were corrosives, caustics, polishers and some unknown chemicals (unlabeled), but nothing unusual for a plating industry company. I have since put ENPRO on hold.

Looking to find out more information on the estate.

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From: "Carrigan, George" <George.Carrigan@des.nh.gov>
To: Dave McIntyre/R1/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/23/2011 09:48 AM
Subject: Granite State Plating - Rochester, NH

Dave,

Here are copies of my two site visits with contact information. If you have any questions call.

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From: orcbscan@des.nh.gov [<mailto:orcbscan@des.nh.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 9:48 AM

To: Carrigan, George

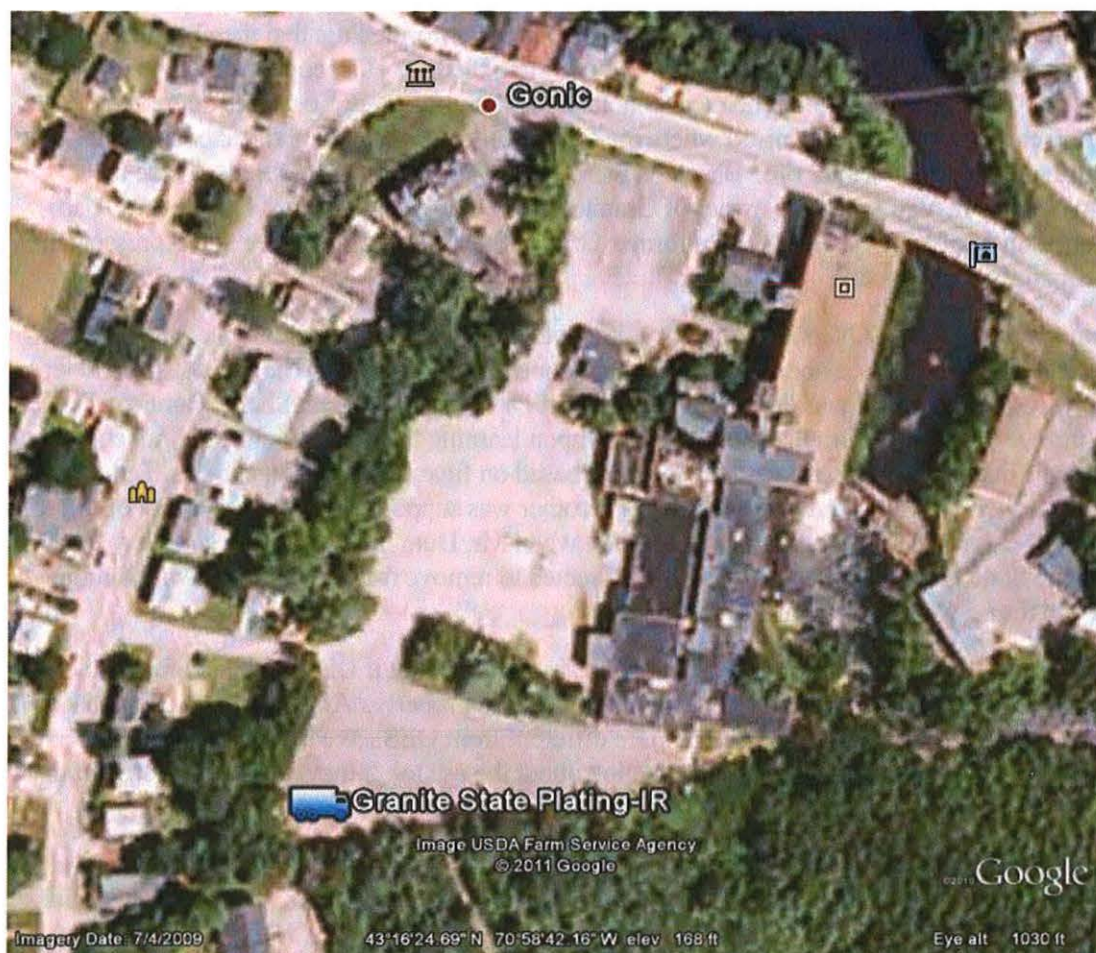
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Date: 17 Nov 11	Town: Rochester (Gonic) Site # 198405005
SITE INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT	
Site Name: Gonic Mills (Granite State Plating)	
Location: 10 Main St. N 43° 16' 22.1" W 70° 58' 43.8"	
NHDES Investigator(s): Carrigan	
Personnel Present / Affiliations:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief Norm Sandborn, Jr – Rochester Fire Dep., 335-7535 2. Dep. Ch. Mark Dupuis – Rochester Fire Dep. 3. Steve Dumont – Owner, Dumont Property Group, 926-8269 4. Tony Dickey – Maint. Mgr, Dumont Property Group, 973-6261 5. Shelly Tamis - TMC 	
<p>1555 – Arrived at the site and met with the above individuals. Dep. Ch. Dupuis informed me that they had responded to the call that liquid was leaking out of the box truck owned by Granite State Plating. His people opened up the side door of the truck, observed that it was stacked full of chemical containers and immediately closed the door. After consulting with the START Team, they placed speedi-dri where the milky colored liquid that had leaked onto the asphalt. The leak was near the rear side passenger tire. Based on these observations Dep. Ch. Dupuis decide to contact DES. I was informed that Mr. Van Lang, the owner of Granite State Plating, had died last December. Also, Dep. Ch. Dupuis had obtained a file of MSDS sheets from a former Granite State Plating employee that represents the chemicals they used in the manufacture process.</p> <p>Mr. Dumont owns the property at 10 Main St., Gonic Mills. Granite State Plating was a former tenant. Mr. Dumont had contacted the local police department to see about having the abandoned truck removed. The fire department was subsequently notified and responded. While I was driving to the site, Mr. Dumont had contact Shelly Tamis of TMC, and was making plans to remove the wastes from the site. However, upon learning that his insurance did not cover the cost of removing the wastes, he declined to proceed with the removal based on financial grounds, and Ms. Tamis left. Mr. Dumont informed me that after Mr. Lang had passed away, his brother was supposed to have taken care of the wastes, but he died in a motor vehicle accident in the spring. Further, when Mr. Dumont's insurance company inspected the area that Granite State Plating had rented, they were directed to remove more chemicals. Mr. Dumont had these chemicals placed in the back of the box truck.</p> <p>When Mr. Dumont explained that he could not afford the cleanup, I informed him that if DES expended funds to clean up the site it was possible that DES would seek cost reimbursement against his property. Also, it was possible that the EPA would be notified and their rules on cost reimbursement were different from DES. We briefly discussed the liability of Mr. Lang's estate, and I asked if they had any information about the estate. If they have any information they will let me know.</p> <p>I asked Dep. Ch. Dupuis if he was comfortable with me approaching the outside of the box trailer to look and to field screen the pH of the liquid on the ground. He believed that it was. I observed that the rear tires of the truck had sunk down into the asphalt and the speedi-dry placed by fire department personnel around the tires. The damp asphalt speedi -dry had a neutral pH. The box on the truck is approximately 25 feet long. Base upon observations, the pH and the fact that the truck has been here for a year, it was decided that further action could wait until the morning. I will contact one of the State contractors and arrive back at the site to recon the trailer and stabilize any leaks, as appropriate.</p> <p>Contacted Jim Adrignola, ENPRO, and requested that he send personnel for a recon and stabilization of the chemicals tomorrow morning.</p> <p>1700 – Secured from the site.</p>	
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Picture of box truck (Carrigan, 17 Nov 11).

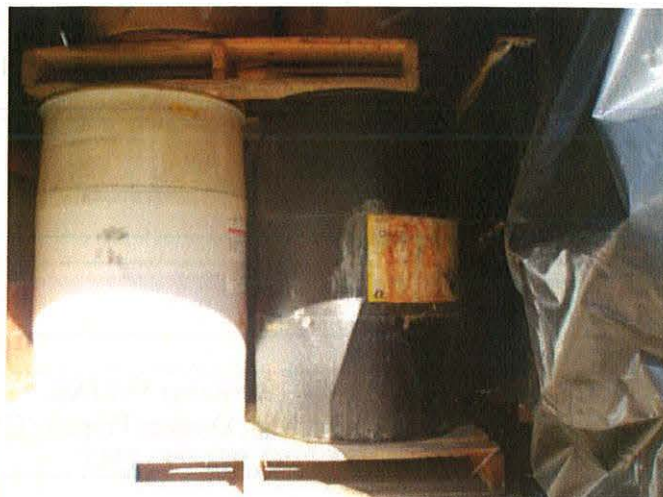


Aerial view of location where the truck was abandoned at Gonic Mills (Google, 4 Jul 09).

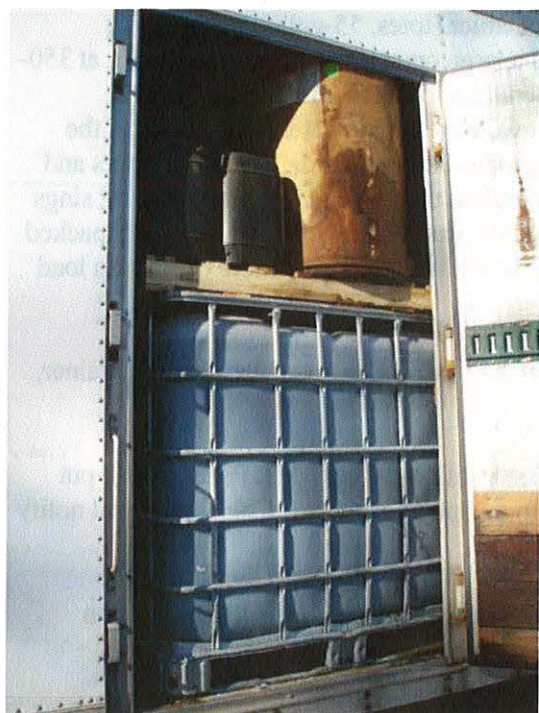
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dep. Ch. Mark Dupuis – Rochester Fire Dep. 2. Tony Diccico – Maint. Mgr, Dumont Property Group, 973-6261 3. Robert Pelletier – ENPRO, 978-992-2542 	
<p>1100 – Arrived at the site and met with the above individuals. Dep. Ch. Dupuis gave the MSDS booklet to Mr. Pelletier who looked at it prior to us opening the box truck with “Level C” respiratory protection.</p> <p>We observed that the truck was full from floor to ceiling with 300-gallon chemical totes, 55-gallon poly drums, cardboard drums, 5-gallon buckets and other sized containers. We located a large open topped poly vessel (est. at 350-gallons) at the back of the truck. The material in this container is likely spent (neutral pH), and the container is covered by a large black plastic bag. Mr. Pelletier believed that from what we were looking at in the box truck, the wastes were consistent with what he would expect to come out of a plating manufacturer (acids, bases, polymers and abrasives). The wastes were in both liquid and solid (granular) states. Other than the cardboard drums showing sings of age (over packing required), the rest of the containers appeared to be sound. Since the box truck was tightly packed with containers we could not look over every container. Based on what we saw it was estimated there could be a load of 10-12 tons in the box truck.</p> <p>The leaking noted by the fire department coming from inside of the box truck could not be traced back to a container, but is likely associated with what appears to be a lubricant.</p> <p>We secured the truck and determined that the removal could wait until the start of next week. Mr. Pelletier will put together a cost estimate for DES, and make plans to come in on 21 Nov. In the meantime, Dep. Ch. Dupuis will notify DES if there is a change to the status of the load.</p> <p>Mr. Diccico looked for an ignition key to the truck, but could not find one. The cab to the truck is locked, it is an automatic and given the length of time that the truck has sat, the engine may not even turn over.</p> <p>1205 – Secured from the site.</p> <p>1545 – Telephoned Mr. Pelletier and had him put a hold on the operation while DES contacted the EPA to see about handing over the remediation to them.</p>	
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Picture of box truck (Carrigan, 18 Nov 11).



Picture taken at the rear of the box truck (Carrigan, 18 Nov 11).



Picture taken from two different angles of the side door (Carrigan, 18 Nov 11).