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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
 POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
 Kalamazoo River/Enbridge Spill - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
 Region V

**Subject:** POLREP #1  
 Initial  
 Kalamazoo River/Enbridge Spill  
 Z5JS  
 Marshall, MI  
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**Reporting Period:** July 26, 2010 18:00 to July 27, 2010 0600

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	Z5JS	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	
<b>Response Authority:</b>	OPA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Response Lead:</b>	PRP	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Assessment

<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	7/26/2010	<b>Start Date:</b>	7/26/2010
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>		<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>	E10527	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

### 1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response -- Pipeline Rupture

### 1.1.2 Site Description

a 30 inch pipeline ruptured releasing its contents (NRC report of 19,500 barrels) into a culvert leading to the Tallmadge Creek. Tallmadge Creek leads to the Kalamazoo River. The site is along the River running from Marshall Michigan to Battle Creek Michigan. The River is bordered by marshland, residential properties, farm land, and commercial properties for the approximate 16 mile stretch of the affected river

#### 1.1.2.1 Location

Spill location origin is in Marshall, Michigan

#### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Crude oil is released from the pipeline and has entered a navigable waterway

### 1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

Approximately 16 miles of the Kalamazoo River has been impacted. The River is running higher than normal due to recent heavy rains in the area. Tallmadge Creek has been boomed at the confluence to the Kalamazoo River. Preliminary booming is in place along the Kalamazoo River.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

RP is ordering more response resources (additional Booming, Vac Trucks, Frac Tanks, Tanker Trucks) to arrive mid morning on July 27.

RP is booming 30 miles downstream at Morrow Lake as a collection point.

RP is booming approximately 12 miles downstream on the Kalamazoo River (near BattleCreek) to catch the leading edge of material.

Recovered material is being temporarily stored in frac tanks on site. Tanker trucks are then

transporting the material to another facility of the RP with available storage (Griffith IN, approximately 100 miles).

START is assisting the RP with air monitoring in the residential neighborhoods. Benzene is the contaminant of concern and the ATSDR MRL of 0.09 ppm is being used as an awareness level to trigger additional response actions as necessary (to include evacuations). These air monitoring rounds are being conducted hourly. START deployed AREA RAEs in the residential areas and are datalogging readings for changes in VOCs.

US Fish and Wildlife Service will oversee operations with the capture and cleaning of affected wildlife. As of 23:00 approximately 43 geese were reported dead and an additional 20 oiled geese were affected.

Approximately 6 residential homes have self evacuated due to the odor and the RP is providing lodging.

Calhoun County Health and the Calhoun County Sheriffs Department are providing assistance as requested

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

Enbridge is the PRPs

### 2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

## 2.2 Planning Section

### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Mobe addiitonal equipment (Vac trucks, tanker trucks, boom, etc).

Set additional boom

recover oil from the river

continue air monitoring activities

### **2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

see Anticipated Activities

### **2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

See Anticipated Activities

### **2.2.2 Issues**

The Kalamazoo River is currently running fast due to heavy rains in the area recently affecting booming strategies.

The affected portion of the Kalamazoo River runs through marshland and assessments of the areas need to be performed

The RPs contractors are working on a waiver for the truck drivers to bring additional storage capacity to the site.

RP has been informed that a Superfund site (PCB cleanup) is occurring on the Kalamazoo River Downstream of Morrow Lake (approximately 35 river miles downstream). The PRP has been advised to make all efforts necessary to ensure the oil does not reach the Superfund Site.

## **2.3 Logistics Section**

Planning for 24 hour operations.

Currently 2 OSCs are on staff per rotation (with more expected).

8 STARTS are on staff for day operations and 4 STARTS are on staff for night time operations.

## **2.4 Finance Section**

### **2.4.1 Narrative**

The Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund has been accessed for U.S. EPA expenditures. FPN E10527

US Fish and Wildlife is requesting a PRFA for their activities.

The RP is currently financing the cleanup operations.

## **2.5 Safety Officer**

A 50 foot perimeter has been established as the hot zone near the vac trucks. personnel inside the area are wearing half face air purifying respirators due to benzene content. Workers in the area are using personal monitors for benzene.

A site Specific Health and Safety Plan is being drafted.

## **2.6 Liaison Officer**

## **2.7 Information Officer**

### **2.7.1 Public Information Officer**

RP has a PIO for the project

### **2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator**

## **3. Participating Entities**

### **3.1 Unified Command**

Enbridge (Responsible Party)

US EPA

Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment

### **3.2 Cooperating and Assisting Agencies**

Calhoun County Sheriff's Department

Calhoun County Public Health Department

US Fish and Wildlife

City of Marshall Health Department

Michigan State Police

Representative for Congressman Mark H. Schauer

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration

## **4. Personnel On Site**

2 OSCs

4 START

RP personnel

## **5. Definition of Terms**

## **6. Additional sources of information**

**6.1 Internet location of additional information/reports**

**6.2 Reporting Schedule**

## **7. Situational Reference Materials**