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 POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
 Kalamazoo River/Enbridge Spill - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 Region V

Subject: POLREP #5
 Kalamazoo River/Enbridge Spill
 Z5JS
 Marshall, MI
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Date: 7/30/2010

Reporting Period: 7/29/2010 1900 hrs. 7/29/2010 1900

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

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

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



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 Talmadge Creek. Talmadge 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 30 mile stretch of the affected river.

1.1.2.1 Location

Spill location origin is in Marshall, Michigan on Talmadge Creek and extends 30 miles down the Kalamazoo River.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Western Canadian crude oil was released from the pipeline and has entered a navigable waterway.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

Approximately 30 miles of the Kalamazoo River have been impacted. The Kalamazoo River level is higher than normal because of recent heavy rain in the area impacting boom deployment and site monitoring activities. The River levels are continuing to fall. Talmadge Creek has been boomed at the confluence to the Kalamazoo River and seem to be containing the oil still behind them. Boom has been placed in twenty two locations along the Kalamazoo River. Precautionary boom has also been deployed in Morrow Lake.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

USEPA ERRS contactors have deployed 14,000 feet of boom. The RP has deployed 23,000 feet boom and skimming equipment at seventeen locations along Talmage Creek and the Kalamazoo River. Recovered material is being temporarily stored in frac tanks on site. Tanker trucks are transporting the material to a facility owned by the RP with available storage in Griffith IN. To date, approximately 6303 barrels of oil/water has been recovered and has been transported to an Enbridge facility in Griffith, IN. 27,500 barrels have been collected and are being stored in frac tanks for future transport. No sheen has been observed on Morrow Lake to date.

START, the CST and Enbridge contractor CTEH are monitoring and sampling air quality along the river and throughout residential areas. Monitoring equipment includes UltraRAE, PPB RAE, Multi RAE, Draeger CMS Chip Reader, AreaRAE and Hapsite portable GC/MS.

Samples were collected to analysis from surface water, water column and private drinking wells along the length of the impacted areas of the Kalamazoo River and areas downstream of the Morrow Lake Dam. In addition, sediment samples were taken from Morrow Lake.

US Fish and Wildlife Service is working with the wildlife team to address wildlife impacts. A rehabilitation center for oiled wildlife has been established and two hundred animals were being investigated and/or collected rescue cleaning.

The USCG Atlantic Strike Team is on scene to provide assistance with PRP and contractor oversight. Eight additional District 9 USCG staff arrived and were integrated into the response.

Governor Granholm and Administrator Jackson visited the site.

NTSB and USDOT-PHMSA are on site conducting an investigation of the pipeline incident and are working with the appropriate State, Local, and Federal agencies.

The voluntary evacuation issued by Calhoun County Health Department in consultation with Michigan Department of Community Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry remains effect for several residences located immediately downstream of the spill site along the Talmadge Creek up to the confluence with the Kalamazoo River. This voluntary evacuation was based on review of air monitoring results for benzene around oil collection areas. Sixty one residences were given notices. Twelve residences evacuated., twenty seven chose to stay and twenty two did not answer. This is in addition to the residences that self evacuated at the beginning of the spill

Issues

Some boom and boats are oiled and have not been cleaned since the beginning of the incident.

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

Enbridge is the PRP.

On July 27, 2010, USEPA issued an Administrative Order under section 311(c) of the Clean Water Act to Enbridge. Enbridge is actively addressing all the deliverables of the Order including but not limited to; drafting an overall site work plan; health and safety plan; and sampling and analysis plan.

2.2 Planning Section

Received draft air sampling plan by CTEH for review. Contacted reviewers and consulted with ATSDR, MDCH, Weston Contractors and others to consolidate comments on the air sampling plan. Review maps with OSHA and MIOSHA. Schedule meetings with CTEH and MDCH to discuss comments and provide "decision tree" for air sampling in affected area.

Reviewed comments on 4 Enbridge plans, including Workplan and "schedule", Oil containment and Recovery plan, Remediation Plan for downstream impacted areas and Sampling and analysis plan (for water and sediment). Prepared comments and memo for IC signature.

Reviewed and commented on Enbridge Water and Sediment Sampling Plan and provided comments to MDNRE for their review.

Requested water sampling results from Enbridge. Enbridge provided Excel file. EPA responded with a request for specific location information and more details on water samples.

Continue air monitoring and sampling at collection points, near residential areas and in response to odor complaints.

Collect water samples from Kalamazoo river upstream and downstream of Talmedge Creek.

2.2.2 Issues

The Kalamazoo River level is higher than normal because of recent heavy rain in the area impacting boom deployment and site monitoring activities. The water levels are falling.

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 RP has been advised to make all efforts necessary to ensure the oil does not reach the Superfund Site. The City of Plainwell, Michigan has proposed a strategy involving boom diversion and oil collection as a contingency in the event oil impacts the Superfund Site.

2.3 Logistics Section

We are supporting twenty four hour operations.

Logistics Chief investigated alternate space that would house personnel for the entire incident. Enbridge moved some of their command staff to the Walter School. A JIC was created at the Walter School.

Communications Unit

The Mobile Command Vehicle was transported to the Fish and Wildlife building to support wireless access. All networking issues are resolved for the Mobile Command Post (GIS). Two plotters are operational. Systems are up and running.

Below is the equipment and staff deployed.

EPA personnel and contractors are totals Enbridge numbers are for resources on the River only	Enbridge	35
	Enbridge Contractors	366
	EPA	32
	EPA Contractors	83
	Night crew total	182
	Grand Total Workers on River	647
	Vacuum Trucks	71
	Skimmers	39
	Tanker Trucks	17
	Air Compressors	25

Major Resources	Light Plants	53
	Trailers	25
	Trash Pumps	6
	Frac Tanks	77
	Boats	39
	Control point count	28
Length of Boom Deployed in River	Containment Boom (ft)	29,575
	Absorbent (ft)	21,515
	Total boom deployed	51,090
Length of Boom Available by River	Containment Boom (ft)	6,000
	Absorbent (ft)	
Length of Boom Available in Yard	Containment Boom (ft)	2,520
	Absorbent (ft)	
Total Recovery (oil & water)	Marshall (bbls)	29,029

2.4 Finance Section

2.4.1 Narrative

The Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund has been accessed for U.S. EPA expenditures. FPN E10527. We have been authorized at 3.3 million. At the current burn rate, we will need to request an increase in funding in three to four days.

Headquarters has worked with other Regions and as a result, Region 5 has expanded its budget authority to cover the spill for the near future. We are waiting for the USCG to authorize use of some or all of the funding.

US Fish and Wildlife, ATSDR and the USCG have received a PRFA for their activities.

The RP is currently financing the cleanup operations.

2.5 Safety Officer

The Safety Officer met and provided orientation to representatives from U.S. OSHA and Michigan OSHA. They coordinated their activities for the day and decided that MIOSHA representatives would conduct air monitoring at oil spill booming and recovery sites and US EPA and US OSHA would conduct air monitoring at the spill location site (Division A) and would respond to a request from Michigan Department of Agriculture to visit the wildlife rehabilitation site and advise them on the type of Personal Protective Equipment they should wear.

The US EPA Safety Officer and two representatives of US OSHA visited the wildlife rehabilitation area and observed some wildlife cleaning activities. They recommended to Michigan Department of Agriculture that the workers wear eye protection and protective coveralls during cleaning operations, and that full face shields were optional.

The US EPA and OSHA team then visited the Division A spill site and conducted air

monitoring with an UltraRAE benzene monitor and a multiRAE five-sensor monitor, which was calibrated to test for oxygen, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, lower explosive limit and VOC content. An OSHA inspector suited up in fire-retardant clothing, entered the hot zone, and determined that the benzene concentrations were as high as 5.4 parts per million. This concentration exceeds the short term exposure limit (STEL) of 5 ppm, which requires workers in the hot zone to wear half-face respirators with organic vapor cartridges. The inspector did observe that the workers were wearing half-face respirators. The workers at the Division A location were Enbridge contractors. The team had a conversation at the Division A site with Enbridge's safety officers and reported our findings to them. They agreed that the contractors would continue to wear half-face respirators.

Field Observers observed workers not in PPE. Supervisor was advised of PPE requirements.

2.6 Liaison Officer

The Liaison Officer was dispatched to work in the State Emergency Operations Center in Lansing.

2.7 Information Officer

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

Held daily press briefing.

Disseminated three media advisories about press briefing and Administrator's visit to incident.

Fielded numerous calls from local and national media. joined EPA staff on RV Mudpuppy on Morrow Lake.

Detroit Free Press reporter and photographer a public meeting in the next couple of days.

Conference call briefing held with stakeholders.

Community Involvement Coordinator

Community Involvement Coordinators are planning a public meeting in the next couple of days.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

Enbridge (Responsible Party)

US EPA

Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment

Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division

Calhoun County Public Health Department

Calhoun County Sheriff

Kalamazoo County Sheriff

3.2 Cooperating and Assisting Agencies

Cooperating Agencies

Allegan County Emergency Management

American Red Cross

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[Augusta Police Department](#)
[B&B Fire Safety Emergency Response](#)
[Calhoun Conservation District](#)
[Calhoun County Commissioners](#)
[Calhoun County Drain Commission](#)
[Calhoun County Sheriff's Office](#)
[Calhoun County Treasurers Office](#)
[Calhoun Conservation District](#)
[Calhoun Greenation District](#)
[City of Battle Creek, Michigan](#)
[City of Marshall, Michigan](#)
[Federal Energy Regulatory Commission](#)
[Fredonia Township Fire Department](#)
[Huron Potawatomi](#)
[Kalamazoo County Office of Emergency Management](#)
[Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office](#)
[Kalamazoo Public Safety](#)
[Kalamazoo Watershed Council](#)
[Marshall Township Government and Fire Department](#)
[Marshall Police Department](#)
[Natural Resource Group](#)
[National Transportation Safety Board](#)
[Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#)
[U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA](#)
[U.S. Department of Transportation](#)
[U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#)
[U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA](#)

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Congressional Presence

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[State Representative Jase Bolger](#)
[State Representative Kate Segal](#)
[State Representative Ken Kurtz](#)
[State Representative Phil Browne](#)
[State Representative Phyllis Browne](#)
[State Representative Bob Geuck](#)
[State Representative Tanya Schuitmaker](#)
[State Senator Mike Nofs](#)
[U.S. Congressman Mark Schauer](#)
[U.S. Senator Carl Levin](#)
[U.S. Senator Stabenow](#)

4. Personnel On Site

EPA OSCs	EPA IMT/RSC/MGMT	START	ERRS
14	18	23	60

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

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