

Tuesday, Oct. 14

EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNDERWAY FOR CRUDE OIL RELEASE IN CADDO PARISH, LA.

Sunoco Logistics, operator of the Mid-Valley Pipeline, has begun containment and clean-up operations for a crude-oil release in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Pipeline control center operators detected a change in pressure and flow in the pipeline around 8 a.m. Central Standard Time Monday, Oct. 13, and shut down the section of the pipeline.

Company personnel walking the pipeline confirmed the release in Caddo Parish at approximately 11:45 a.m. Sunoco Logistics initiated emergency response in coordination with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and notified appropriate state and federal authorities.

Crude oil has been reported in a nearby creek, the Miller branch of the Tete Bayou, and crews have deployed booms in it and surrounding waterways to contain the crude oil. Caddo Lake has not been impacted.

No injuries have been reported in connection with this event.

The amount of oil released has not yet been determined, and the cause of the release is under investigation.

Incident response personnel are now working to contain and clean up discharged crude oil with public safety, preservation of property and protection of the environment as the top priorities of the response.

The release is along the pipeline right-of-way off State Road 169 (Greenwood Mooringsport Road) about 4 miles south of Mooringsport.

Government agencies either on-site or arriving Tuesday include the Louisiana Department of Public Safety, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office.

The Mid-Valley Pipeline carries crude oil from Longview, Texas to Samaria, Michigan, serving Midwestern refineries. The section of the pipeline between Longview and Mayersville, Mississippi, remains shut down. The line had been scheduled to shut down Tuesday for two days of regular maintenance.
