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Media Advisory

U.S. EPA provides assistance on tanker spill cleanup

Response in Loveland, Colorado

Denver (March 20, 2021): The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is providing assistance to the Loveland Fire and Rescue Authority @LovelandFRA, Colorado State Patrol @CSP_News, and the Colorado Department of Transportation @ColoradoDOT on a large diesel fuel spill on the frontage road between mile marker 255 and 257 of I-25, in Loveland, Colorado. The tanker truck was carrying over 11,500 gallons of diesel fuel and updates are being shared on social.

Response efforts are currently focused on accomplishing three objectives:

1. Keep the fuel from impacting the Big Thompson River.
2. Reduce the concentration of volatile chemical vapors in the air around the spill scene that may impact surrounding residents.
3. Clear the road of fuel as it creates a driving hazard.

EPA's OSCs are given broad authority by the Clean Water Act (CWA) to assist with, and/or direct oil spill responses that threaten waters of the United States. We partner frequently with State and Local Authorities in conducting these duties. In this case we are in Unified Command with the Colorado State Patrol and Loveland Fire. In addition, we are providing some technical assistance in providing air monitoring around the scene. Lastly, we are providing funding to help support Loveland FD and the CSP.

We are diligently working to have most, if not all, of the recovery done before tomorrow's anticipated precipitation.



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