



Installation of the oil/water separator

EPA completed installation of an Aqua-Swirl™ oil/water separator during the week of September 27 at the Bangor Oil Spill Site. The oil water separator went into effect immediately after installation and is helping to filter out oil from the storm water collection system. The source of the oil discharge is currently unknown. EPA, state, county, and local officials continue to investigate potential sources of the oil discharge to Martins Creek and review data from recent geophysical surveys, including magnetic and electromagnetic surveys.

EPA continues to replace oiled absorbent boom in the waterways with clean boom. There are currently two types of boom in Martins Creek: containment boom and absorbent boom. Containment boom are floating, physical barriers to contain and slow the spread of oil. Absorbent boom are placed upstream of the containment boom and absorb the oil behind the containment. All oiled materials are being stockpiled for future off-site disposal.

If you notice unusual odors in the area, sheen in water, or suspicious activity near manholes or sewer grates, or have any questions, please reach out to the contacts on the back of this fact sheet.



The photos on this page show the Aqua-Swirl™ oil/water separator during installation at the Bangor Oil Spill Site.





These photos show the final asphalt, top soil, curb repair after installation. The manhole cover for the oil/water separator can also be seen in these photos.

For More Information

Visit the EPA Bangor Oil Spill Response webpage for up-to-date information and photos from the site. You can access the page with the following URL, response.epa.gov/BangorOilSpill, or by scanning the QR Code with a smartphone.



If you have immediate concerns regarding potential health risks associated with the site, please contact Dr. Karl Markiewicz, Senior Toxicologist from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, an arm of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at kvm4@cdc.gov.

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