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Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Nine Tribal Nations

TC Energy Pipeline Rupture and Oil Discharge near Washington, Kansas

EPA personnel continue to remain on-scene monitoring clean-up activities

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LENEXA, KAN. (DEC. 13, 2022) – EPA Region 7 on-scene coordinators (OSCs) and an EPA public information officer (PIO) are on-scene of the pipeline rupture and oil discharge near Washington, Kansas. EPA OSCs are monitoring the clean-up activities being performed by TC Energy and the EPA PIO is working with TC Energy PIOs to ensure the public remains informed of all actions taking place at the scene.

Since EPA's [third news update \(Friday, Dec. 9\)](#), TC Energy crews have built a second earthen underflow dam to provide structural relief to the earthen underflow dam that was constructed last week. There have been no additional oil impacts or oil migrations since the last EPA news update.

There are approximately 317 personnel on-scene from EPA, TC Energy, and other state and local agencies. 2,163 barrels of oil-water mixture have been recovered from Mill Creek. 435 barrels of oil have been recovered directly from the ruptured pipeline. That's a total of 2,598 barrels recovered from the scene.

Questions regarding the investigation related to the cause of the pipeline rupture and operational status of the pipeline should be directed to the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

Questions about the pipeline rupture's impact on the supply of oil will be referred to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA).

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