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EPA and EGLE Update: Pilot Diesel Spill, Ottawa Lake, MI

This document provides daily on-site activities in response to the Pilot diesel spill in Ottawa Lake, Michigan.

**Daily Site Update
Sunday, April 7, 2024**

EPA

- All updates can be found on EPA's website: response.epa.gov/Ottawa_Lake_Diesel
- To date, Pilot has recovered 18,091 gallons of diesel: 12,061 gallons were collected from the excavation on Pilot's property and 6,030 gallons from the mixture of diesel and water in storm sewers. In addition to the pure diesel, the company has collected 487,123 gallons of diesel-impacted water. Diesel and impacted water will be treated and/or disposed of properly.
 - The majority of the pure product collected was recovered from the location where the leak originated on site (excavation area).
 - Pilot has been granted a permit to treat and discharge the diesel-impacted water but has not yet started the treatment (all collected water is being held in tanks). Treated water volumes will be provided in future reporting.
- Storm sewer cleaning with water jets is nearly complete. During the cleaning, sediments and diesel are collected and contained for treatment and/or disposal.
- Boom is being maintained at seven locations along North Tenmile Creek, south of the outfall (Sunoco, Erie Road, Bibb Road, Temperance Road, Jeff's Road, Consear Road, and Yankee Road).
- Contaminated vegetation removal is complete in North Tenmile Creek downstream to Consear Road, and removal continues to the south. Cattail removal in detention pond started today.
- The on-site investigation continued, which includes collection of soil samples, groundwater samples, and installation of recovery wells where product is encountered.
- Drinking water well sampling continues with oversight from MCHD and MDHHS.
- EPA continues to provide oversight and documentation of all on-site and off-site work in the waterways and ensuring the safety of workers.

Planned Work:

- Preparation continues for excavation and remediation of Tenmile Creek between US 23 and US 223. Estimated to start work on Tuesday.
- EGLE has issued Pilot an NPDES permit to treat the diesel-impacted water, which may start tomorrow.

EGLE

- An access agreement was granted yesterday to allow water discharged from the site to travel over private property. Crews are running hoses today and anticipate discharge of treated water tomorrow.
- Private well water sampling continues by MCHD and MDHHS. Yesterday, 45 wells were sampled. Today's goal is 50.

Today's Photos



TenMile Creek boom maintenance



Soil testing on Pilot property