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Renton, WA – The response to yesterday's incident involving the Olympic Pipe Line system in Renton continues under the Unified Command of Olympic, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Olympic completed inspection of the affected equipment and is working on the necessary repairs. The damage is contained to a 1/2" stainless steel, sample line, a single valve on the 20" line and a small section of electrical conduit. The sample line connects to the main line and is used for drawing samples to assure product quality. Olympic officials plan to complete the necessary repairs and restart the line sometime late tomorrow.

"Our top priorities continue to be the safety of the public and responders and protection of the environment at the site of the incident," said the DOE's Carl Andersen speaking for the Unified Command.

Environmental impact is minimal and is contained to the immediate incident area. Surface and ground water sampling will continue throughout the week to monitor any additional environmental impacts. In addition, one out of five planned monitoring wells has been installed to further monitor site conditions.

Safety inspections continue at similar sample line locations along the Olympic system to ensure safety and system integrity. Finally, a thorough investigation by a number of agencies is underway to determine the exact cause of the incident. "Our expectation is to get the pipeline restarted by late tomorrow after a complete review that it is safe," said Olympic Pipe Line President Bobby Talley.

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