

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
POLLUTION REPORT**

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2010

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To: Miguel Bella, USCG NPFC

Subject: Future Oil Well Oversight by Tenn Oil and Gas
Oliver Springs Oil Well Fire
Cove Lane Road, Oliver Springs, TN
Latitude: 36.0708000
Longitude: -84.3569000

POLREP No.:	17	Site #:	Z4MT
Reporting Period:	Jan 1 thru April 15, 2010	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	3/19/2008	Response Authority:	OPA
Mob Date:	3/19/2008	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:		Reimbursable Account #	
FPN#	E 08430		

Site Description

On March 19th, EPA ERRB responded to an oil well fire in Oliver Springs Tenn. The RP, Walden Resources hired Wild Well Services from Houston, Texas to put out the well fire and cap the well. After mobbing necessary personnel and equipment, the fire was extinguished and the well was successfully capped on Tuesday March 25th.

On November 1st, 2008, Walden Resources agreed to an Administrative Order with EPA essentially permitting Walden to produce the well under the supervision of EPA's petroleum consultant, Mick Reed. Mr Reed supervised all safety and production phases of this project. Well head pressures exceeded 1200 psi when the well was capped in March 2008.

Current Activities

From December 2009 through February 2010, oil well production and well head pressures dropped significantly forcing Walden Resources to begin measures to withdrawl drill tube and arrange for geophysical logging and cement bond logging of the well. EPA's consultant, Mick Reed and Tenn Oil and Gas' Glenn Burke continue to oversee the safety and engineering aspects of drill tube withdrawl and geophysical logging of the well.

Planned Removal Actions

The OSC plans to relenquish all future oversight activities to Tenn Oil and Gas.

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