

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Sunoco Pipeline Woodville - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region VI

**Subject:** POLREP #2  
Interim POLREP  
Sunoco Pipeline Woodville  
  
Woodville, TX  
Latitude: 30.9318800 Longitude: -94.5312200

**To:**  
**From:** Mike McAteer, OSC  
**Date:** 3/1/2013  
**Reporting Period:** 2/26/13 to 2/28/13

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	FPN E13609	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>		<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	
<b>Response Authority:</b>	OPA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Response Lead:</b>	PRP	<b>Incident Category:</b>	
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	2/24/2013	<b>Start Date:</b>	2/24/2013
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>		<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>	E13609	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

On February 24th, the NRC contacted the USEPA and informed them of an oil spill near Woodville, TX. OSC Mike McAteer was dispatched to the scene to determine the size and scope of the incident. NRC Report# 1039285 stated that the incident was discovered in Otter Creek on February 23rd at 1648 local incident time. Pipeline operator Sunoco had established a clean up contractor the evening that the spill was discovered to begin using boom and vacuum trucks for containment and recovery. Most recent estimates from Sunoco state that 550 bbl were released.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

**February 26 - 28th**, Sunoco contractors continued to remove crude oil from the affected drainage ditch, Otter Creek, and Russell Creek. Cleanup methods employed by contractors include vacuuming and skimming, utilizing sorbent pads, booms, and snares to remove oil, and flushing of Otter Creek utilizing water from Russell Creek (upstream of Otter Creek confluence); proper permitting from TCEQ has been obtained for surface water extraction. Oiled sorbent pads, booms, snares, and debris are removed, placed in drum liners, put in roll-offs and secured for disposal. Total crude oil removed from the affected areas through February 28th is 105 bbls, and approximately six roll-offs filled with oiled debris bags

### 2.2 Planning Section

#### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Review and approve Sunoco's daily IAP and continue to observe creek conditions and progress of cleanup activities.

Sunoco engineers are calculating a more accurate volume of crude oil released from the pipeline. The current 550 bbl estimate may be updated soon.

Sunoco is planning to conduct an integrity inspection of the Colmesneil pipeline in the next few days. The goal is to hopefully determine the cause of the release last week and determine if other locations of the pipeline may be at risk of rupture.

#### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Sunoco will continue clean up operations in all divisions of the affected area. OSRO contractor staffing will

be maintained at 159 employees involved in field cleanup activities. Vac truck operations will be reduced to one vac truck (instead of 3) due to the fact that access to remaining heavily oiled areas does not allow for large vehicular traffic.

#### **2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

#### **2.2.2 Issues**

Sunoco continues to arrange for access with landowners along the 6 miles of impacted creek. Physical access to the majority of the impacted creek area is very difficult due to rolling terrain and heavy vegetation.

#### **2.3 Logistics Section**

No information available at this time.

#### **2.4 Finance Section**

No information available at this time.

#### **2.5 Other Command Staff**

No information available at this time.

### **3. Participating Entities**

#### **3.1 Unified Command**

We are not in unified command at this stage, however, the EPA OSC is involved in all significant cleanup decisions and is part of the sign off chain of the daily IAP.

Sunoco is using ICS and has set up an ICP at the Woodville Inn.

#### **3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

U.S. EPA

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Texas Rail Road Commission (TRRC)

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)

Tyler County Emergency Management (TCEM)

### **4. Personnel On Site**

2 - START-3 Contractors for documentation and oversight of RP and cleanup progress

159 - Sunoco OSRO Contractors for field cleanup and recovery efforts

### **5. Definition of Terms**

No information available at this time.

### **6. Additional sources of information**

No information available at this time.

### **7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.