

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



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region VI

**Subject:** POLREP #6  
Interim POLREP  
Sunoco Pipeline Woodville  
FPN E13609  
Woodville, TX  
Latitude: 30.9318800 Longitude: -94.5312200

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**Date:** 3/8/2013

**Reporting Period:** 3/6/2013 - 3/8/2013

## 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 cleanup 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

**March 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**, Sunoco contractors continued to remove crude oil from the affected drainage ditch, Otter Creek, and Russell Creek (Divisions 1 through 4). Cleanup methods employed by contractors include utilizing sorbent pads, booms, and snares to remove oil, and deployment of trash pumps to rinse the impacted areas of creek bank. Water had been introduced into Otter Creek through a landowner providing access to drain a pond on his property directly into a tributary of the creek; this operation was brought to an end once the pond had been emptied. Proper permitting from TCEQ had been obtained for surface water extraction and draining of the pond. 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 March 8th is 105 bbls, and approximately 30 roll-offs filled with oiled debris bags. Of the 30 roll-off boxes of bagged debris, 29 have been removed from the site and sent for disposal.

The three constructed hay bale berms have continued to help prevent the movement of any oil or oiled debris out into Russell Creek. These berms will continue to be monitored as increasing rain chances are expected over the next few days.

Sunoco states that all divisions are now being maintained with crews for a daily inspection for leached oil that has pooled in certain locations. A plan has been developed for field crew to begin rinsing the banks along impacted sections of the creek. This plan calls for 2 crews for rinsing in Divisions 1 and 2, 2 crews in Division 3a, and 3 crews working within Division 3b. Each of these crews will consist of a wash pump and associated hoses, sausage boom for containment and appropriate clean up equipment for oiled debris removal.

### 2.2 Planning Section

### **2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

Continue to observe creek conditions and progress of cleanup activities.

#### **2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

Sunoco will continue cleanup operations in all divisions of the affected area. OSRO contractor staffing will be decreased to 55 employees involved in field cleanup and creek bank rinsing activities. Crews will remove staged and bagged debris, along with snares and absorbent pads prior to the arrival of rain. The absorbent materials will be removed to ensure that these will not travel downstream in the event of heavy rainfall causing a flood event.

#### **2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

Continue to address areas where free oil is leaching from debris and soil areas in divisions 1 through 4, replacing absorbent pads and boom as necessary. Operations will continue for debris removal and rinsing of creek banks in all divisions where heavy oil staining has occurred and continue to monitor division 4 to ensure that no product is traveling further downstream into Russell Creek.

### **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**

Sunoco has decided that the emergency response stage of the cleanup is now complete, therefore, they have ceased IMT operations as of March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

U.S. EPA

Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees (NRDA)  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)  
Texas Rail Road Commission (TRRC)  
Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)  
Texas General Land Office (TGLO)  
U.S. Forest Service

Tyler County Emergency Management (TCEM)

## **4. Personnel On Site**

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

55 - 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.