

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Sunoco Sour Lake Oil Spill - FPN E16601 - Removal Polrep  
Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region VI

**Subject:** POLREP #2  
Final POLREP  
Sunoco Sour Lake Oil Spill - FPN E16601  
FPN E16601  
Sour Lake, TX  
Latitude: 30.0984050 Longitude: -94.4173840

**To:**  
**From:** Paige Delgado, On-Scene Coordinator  
**Date:** 11/30/2015  
**Reporting Period:** 11/19/2015

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<b>Site Number:</b>	V6RB	<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>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	10/28/2015	<b>Start Date:</b>	10/28/2015
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	11/19/2015
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>		<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>	E16601	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

On October 28, 2015, Sunoco reported an estimated 150 barrel oil spill near Sour Lake, TX from a 4-inch pipeline to the NRC (#1131943). During a follow up call with the Responsible Party (RP), Sunoco estimated that approximately 1 mile of Willow Creek had been impacted. OSC Paige Delgado was dispatched to the scene to determine the scope of the incident and the threat of the spill to navigable waters. Sunoco, the pipeline operator, had deployed a cleanup contractor and began installing booms for containment and oil recovery. Revised estimates from Sunoco are significantly less than the original 150 barrels reported were discharged.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

A follow-up site visit was conducted 19 November 2015 by the EPA team and representatives from Sunoco. Sunoco has leased two acres of the land from the property owner to land farm the soil. A frac tank was onsite to collect and filter the rain water that filled the holes dug during excavation. The filter water would be pumped back into the creek upon completion. Sunoco is coordinating with TCEQ and TGLO on their progress. EPA will verbally follow up with Sunoco on the finalization of this portion of the clean up.

### 2.2 Planning Section

#### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Sunoco has leased two acres of the land from the property owner to land farm the soil and backfill the holes after analytical data is completed. Rain water in excavated holes will be pumped into a frac tank onsite and filtered. After sampling, the water will be pumped into the creek. Sunoco is coordinating with TCEQ and TGLO on their progress.

##### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Based on the November 19, 2015, assessment, EPA does not plan to take any further response actions.

##### 2.2.1.2 Next Steps

EPA will verbally follow up with Sunoco on the finalization of this portion of the clean up.

#### 2.2.2 Issues

Continuous rain events delay the final steps of soil clean up.

### **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**

### **3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

U.S. EPA

Weston Solutions (START)

Texas Rail Road Commission

Texas General Land Office

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality

## **4. Personnel On Site**

No information available at this time.

## **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.