

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Bee-Line Fuel Oil Co. - Polrep/Sitrep
Initial Polrep/Sitrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region II

Subject: SITREP #1
Initial
Bee-Line Fuel Oil Co.
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Reporting Period: 1/11/2016 - 1/13/2016

Executive Summary

A report of a fuel spill from a rural property was received in the Region 2 REOC at 1000 hours. Initial information indicated that at least one of five above ground fuel tanks leaked fuel into a stream that feeds the nearby Musconetcong River. The discharge was discovered on Sunday, January 10, 2016 by an angler fishing in the river. The Musconetcong is a federally designated Wild and Scenic Waterway, a New Jersey State designated Category I trout maintenance waterway, a navigable waterway, and tributary of the Delaware River. The source of the spill is a defunct fuel oil dealer, Bee-Line Fuel Oil Co. Bee-Line went out of business in 2002 but the tanks were never taken out of service. The tanks were emptied except for the residual 'heel' or residue of fuel which could amount to hundreds or more gallons of product. The total storage capacity of the five tanks is 93,000 gallons.

NJDEP responders on the scene dug interceptor trenches to stem the fuel flow and are emptying the remaining fuel from the tanks. NJDEP has requested EPA to mobilize to the scene to assist response efforts. An OSC was deployed from the REOC to the site and conferred with DEP responders. The flow of oil from the tanks was stopped, but the soil extending from under the tanks to the shoreline is saturated with product which is seeping into the river. In subsequent on-site discussions with DEP personnel it was decided to refer the site to the EPA for remediation. A verbal referral was made by the NJDEP to the EPA OSC on 1/12/16. A written referral was received on January 15, 2016. In response to the referral of this site, funding and authorization to initiate response efforts was issued by the US Coast Guard. A clean-up contractor has been selected and the approval to mobilize crew and equipment to the site is being prepared.

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:		Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	OPA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	1/13/2016	Start Date:	1/11/2016

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

To Be Determined.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Continue to collect fuel oil and excavate contaminated soil.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Mobilize EPA contractor to the site and assume response duties.

2.2.2 Issues

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

NJDEP

Warren County Hazmat

4. Personnel On Site

NJDEP response and contractor personnel.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/2016/01/12/oil-spill-could-affect-raritan-river/78672484/>

6.2 Reporting Schedule

Additional Sitreps will be issued on a weekly basis.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.

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