

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region VI
POLLUTION REPORT

Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2007

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Subject: ExxonMobil Pipeline - FPN# E07636

Route 1, Box 2, Talco, TX

Latitude: 33.3503600

Longitude: -95.0514300

POLREP No.:	9	Site #:	E07636
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:		Response Authority:	OPA
Mob Date:	8/5/2007	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Assessment
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:		Reimbursable Account #	
FPN#	E07636		

Site Description

On August 5, 2007, a local citizen notified the National Response Center (NRC) of an oil spill near TALCO, Texas (NRC #844521). The citizen reported that the oil had reached a nearby stream and could potentially impact a nearby wetlands. The stream is locally referred to as Edwards Creek, and flows into a nearby wooded marshland locally known as the Edwards Bottom which flows into an intermittent creek which flows into the White Oak Creek which flows into the Sulphur River which flows into Red River. The land is heavily vegetated with trees and brush and is used for hunting wild game, such as deer. According to the leasee of the land where the wooded marshland is located, during a heavy rainfall event, rainwater flows from the impacted stream to the wooded marshland and continues to flow downstream of the marshland. The leaser also estimated that the stream which was impacted by the spill contains water approximately 6 months out of the year. The PRP is ExxonMobil and they have estimated the spill volume to be approximately 650 barrels of salt water and 15 to 20 barrels of crude oil.

Current Activities

EPA START-3 contractors continued their observation of activities on Monday August 13th, 2007. One Bull-dozer, one backhoe, one vacuum truck and one 30cu yard Roll-off box are onsite. ExxonMobil personnel and contractors continue to locate and recover oily debris and brush/vegetation along the banks of the creek. Oil-affected soil was removed from the creek utilizing shovels and a backhoe. Loose debris and vegetation was moved to a lined roll-off box and staged pending disposal. Oil-affected sediments were moved to containment areas. Multiple locations within the creek and wetlands area were identified as requiring additional attention. The vacuum truck on-site today targeted standing pools of water where an oily sheen was observed. These areas will be re-assessed for further action / remediation activities.

Planned Removal Actions

Exxon plans to continue their cleanup activities. As of 1500hrs activities scheduled for tomorrow (08/14/2007) are set to remain targeting oily debris/brush along the creek banks and patches of contaminated sediments within the creek channel that were missed during the pressure washing and initial excavation/removal operations. At the wetlands and creek locations, Exxon personnel and contractors will continue to "flag" isolated oil patches and recover the oil-affected soil utilizing shovels and a backhoe.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
RST/START	\$40,000.00	\$16,250.00	\$23,750.00	59.38%
Intramural Costs				

USEPA - Direct (Region, HQ)	\$10,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$7,900.00	79.00%
Total Site Costs	\$50,000.00	\$18,350.00	\$31,650.00	63.30%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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