

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region IX  
POLLUTION REPORT**

**Date:** Friday, March 21, 2008

**From:** Robert Wise

**Subject:** Initiation of Cleanup  
Greka UCAL Road Spill  
6527 Dominion Road, Santa Maria, CA

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	1	<b>Site #:</b>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	03/20/2008	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>		<b>Response Authority:</b>	OPA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	3/20/2008	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>		<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #</b>	
<b>FPN#</b>			

**Site Description**

On March 19, 2008, a local rancher notified EPA at the UCAL command post that long-term oil spill on an access road at the Greka UCAL lease was seeping to the surface. EPA notified Greka to address the seep to prevent cattle from being contaminated. Greka fenced the seep. The seep in the road was from a leaking pipeline under the road. The U.S. Coast Pacific Strike Team (PST) acting for OSC Robert Wise on-site for the Greka Bell Spill had noticed the oil seeping into an excavation next to the road in early February 2008 and notified Greka to mitigate the problem. At that same time, Santa Barbara County Petroleum Office notified Greka to mitigate the same spill. Throughout the month of February, PST, County Petroleum and OSC Wise directed Greka to mitigate this leak. Greka did remove oil from the excavation several times but never address the underlying problem.

On March 20, 2008, Greka excavated the roadway and found a leak in an abandoned pipeline under the road. At that time OSC Wise issued a Notice of Federal Interest to Greka. The drainage from that location drains down a road, through a culvert, into a ravine that eventually drains to Bradley Canyon Creek. Bradley Canyon Creek drains to the Santa Maria River which drains to the Pacific Ocean. No oil left the excavation. On March 20, 2008, the California Department of Fish and Game Warden on-scene notified OSC Wise that he had observed the same leak as early as December 2007.

**Current Activities**

Greka is currently excavating the spill area. They have identified the spill source and placed a temporary clamp of the pipe.

**Planned Removal Actions**

1. Remove and dispose of contaminated soil off-site.
2. Purge the pipe.
3. Remove or repair the pipe (dependent on if pipe is still active)
4. Fix road

**Next Steps**

The pipe will be purged to remove all residual oil.

**Key Issues**

Greka had been notified of this spill location numerous times by EPA, County Petroleum, Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control Distric, California Departmet of Fish and Game and PST (OSC Rep.) and failed to mitigate the problem. This constitutes negligence on Greka's part.

**Estimated Costs \***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				

<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
<b>Total Site Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

\* 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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