

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

**Date:** Saturday, March 29, 2008

**From:** Perry Gaughan

**To:** Miguel Bella, USCG NPFC

**Subject:** Initiation of Removal Action  
Oliver Springs Oil Well Fire  
Cove Lane Road, Oliver Springs, TN  
Latitude: 36.0708000  
Longitude: -84.3569000

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	7	<b>Site #:</b>	Z4MT
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	3/28/2008	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	3/19/2008	<b>Response Authority:</b>	OPA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	3/19/2008	<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>	E 08430		

**Site Description**

At approximately 6:30 am, Wednesday, March 19th, the Partin No. 5 Oil Well caught fire during drilling operations northwest of Oliver Springs, Tenn. The rp hired Wild Well Services from Houston, Texas to battle the fire and it was eventually extinguished on Wednesday, March 26th.

dinator, TDEC and TEMA. EPA, with START contractor support, will conduct air monitoring and site oversight as needed throughout the response.

**Current Activities**

ERRs contractors (CMC Inc.) began mobing in on Thursday, March 27th and immediately began removal activities. Each day of operations begins with a tailgate safety meeting which highlights the days planned activities and corresponding safety concerns.

Oil removal from the two retention ponds continued to tanks on site. Oil saturated soil was excavated from several areas and staged. START contractors continued assessing areas upgradient of the site where oil saturated water was dumped by the rp. Well drillers began removing their burned rig, pump and vehicle debris from the site.

The OSC updated NPFCs case officer and requested additional funds to continue removal activities.

**Key Issues**

EPA will continue to coordinate all efforts with TEMA, TDEC, and local EMA.

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