



Tanker rollover accident impacts Indian Creek

Information for those near the spill area

What happened

On Friday, July 18, 2025, a dual-trailer tanker truck went off U.S. Highway 101 between milepost 237 and 238 and overturned into Indian Creek in Clallam County. Crews are continuing to confirm the total volume of fuel released into the water. Preliminary estimates indicate 3,000 gallons of a mixture of gasoline and diesel, with the majority being gasoline, spilled into Indian Creek.

How we're responding

The Washington State Department of Ecology is working in unified command with federal, Tribal, local partner agencies and the responsible party to assess potential environmental impacts and support response efforts. Crews are conducting environmental assessments, monitoring air and water quality, and evaluating potential impacts to fish, wildlife and public health. A contracted cleanup team is also supporting these efforts by assisting with containment, recovery and operational support.

What to expect

A unified command has been established with the Department of Ecology, EPA, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Clallam County Sheriff's Office, and PetroCard. Crews will be present along the spill site to continue containment and recovery efforts.

Highway 101 is now open, and drivers are urged to exercise caution through the area while response crews work.

Air monitoring readings were not at a level above human health and safety at this time, but people in

the area should still be mindful of symptoms like headaches, or dizziness and see medical attention if needed.

Wildlife teams are on scene to survey for impacts and coordinate recovery if needed.

Expect increased activity from cleanup crews, including boom operations, monitoring and water testing. Please avoid the area to support a safe and effective response.

Water advisory

Out of caution following the fuel spill into Indian Creek, the City of Port Angeles has temporarily shut down water treatment operations.

Residents and businesses are asked to conserve water for essential uses only – includes drinking cooking and basic hygiene. Please avoid irrigation and other non-essential uses until further notice.

Water reserves are expected to last 18-24 hours without service disruption. The city is monitoring the situation and updates can be found at cityofpa.us.

Recommendations

To protect yourself and others during this response we recommend the following guidance:

- Do not enter the water or fish where oil sheen is observed.
- Do not eat fish that is oiled or smells of petroleum products or chemicals.
- Do not touch or eat dead fish.

Report sheening or wildlife impacts

We are continuing to assess potential impacts to fish and wildlife. If you observe oiled wildlife, please report it to 1-800-22-BIRDS.

If you see oil sheen, please report it to the Washington Department of Ecology's Spill Response Program at 1-800-OILS 911 (1-800-645-7911).

For updated information:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/spills-cleanup/spills/spill-preparedness-response/responding-to-spill-incidents/spill-incidents/tanker-truck-spill-into-indian-creek>

Questions or Concerns:

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