



Update #3 on Olympic Pipeline gasoline spill near Mount Vernon, WA

CONWAY, Wash. (Dec. 12, 2023, 7 p.m.) – The unified command leading the spill response to the release of gasoline from a vault associated with the Olympic Pipeline in Conway, Washington, has adjusted the amount of gasoline spilled to approximately 25,326 gallons. Of that, 5,292 gallons of gasoline remained in the vault and the remainder was released into the environment. Approximately 6,722 gallons have been recovered to date.

The gasoline leak occurred due to the failure of 3/8" tubing leading from the main pipeline to a pressure gauge within the vault.

Responders identified and stopped the leak on Sunday. Since then, efforts have focused on recovering gasoline and minimizing environmental harm while protecting the safety of responders and the community. In addition to maintaining the containment and absorbent boom and fuel skimming operations in Hill Ditch and Bulson Creek, today's work involved collecting gasoline remaining on the surface of the field adjacent to the pipeline vault. Currently, 2,400 feet of containment and absorbent boom have been deployed. No gasoline or sheen has been seen on the Skagit River.

Regrettably, wildlife response teams have recovered one deceased beaver which was determined to have died as result of the spill. Members of the public are asked not to touch or relocate affected wildlife and to call the wildlife hotline (1-800-22BIRDS).

SR 534 remains open to one-way traffic as cleanup work proceeds. The unified command appreciates the community's patience and understanding during these traffic disruptions.

Air monitoring conducted by the Department of Ecology and by bp at EPA's and Ecology's direction continues to indicate no public health risk from gasoline fumes.

Status updates will be posted on Ecology's incident webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/svvp2p4s>

The unified command consists of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Washington Department of Ecology, Skagit County Department of Emergency Management, bp, Lummi Nation, and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.

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