General Environmental Incident Summary

Incident: 5831  Notice: 8/22/2018  1702  Occurred: 8/22/2018  1702

DEM Incident No:

Responsible Party: Jerry Blotter
County: McLean
Twp Rng Sec Qtr: 150 80 9
Lat Long + Method: 47.81928 -100.92880 Interpolation from map

Location Description: Junction of HWY 53 & HWY 41. Passenger vehicle pulled out in front of a semi, driven by Jerry Blotter. Blotter swerved so that he did not hit the passenger vehicle with three passengers and let the other vehicle hit him in order to saves their lives. In doing so it caused the tank of his semi to rupture causing about 100 gal of diesel fuel to spill, both vehicles caught on fire and both were engulfed in flames causing both vehicle to be a complete loss. Fortunately, there were no injuries. In talking with Trooper, Dave Kamp, he said with the fire, all the split fuel burnt and had no concern of an environmental impact.

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Affected Medium: 05 - air and soil
Near. Occupied Bldg:

Type of Incident: Tank Leak
ReleaseContained: Yes
Reported to NRC: Unknown

Contaminant: Diesel

Volume of Release:

Duration of Release:

Agriculture Related: Yes
EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance: Unknown

Number of Fatalities: 0
Number of Injuries: 0

Cause of Incident:

Motor vehicle accident

Risk Evaluation:

After the fire was out, none.

Potential Env. Impacts:
none known at this time

Action Taken/Planned:
The diesel burnt off as both vehicle started on fire and were both a complete loss.

Wastes Disposal Location:
Other Agencies Involved:
NDDES, State Highway Patrol, Local Fire Department, Local Law Enforcement, Local Emergency Manager

Updates

Date: 8/22/2018    Status: Reviewed - Follow-up Required
Author: Martin, Russell
Notes:
Release due to a vehicle accident on a roadway, according to the report. Follow-up is necessary.

Updated Volume: None at the time of this update

Date: 8/22/2018    Status: Inspection
Author: Kangas, Kathleen
Notes:
Arrived on location 8/22/2018.

Collision between passenger car and semi truck. Both vehicles are on fire. According to the semi driver who is onsite, he had approximately 100 gallons of diesel in his tanks and they have ruptured. The truck is in the NE corner of the intersection. The passenger car is in the northbound lane. By later that afternoon the batteries had been removed from the truck and the passenger car had been towed away.

More follow-up is necessary.

Updated Volume: None at the time of this update

Date: 10/10/2018    Status: Inspection
Author: Kangas, Kathleen
Notes:
Arrived on location 10/10/2018.

The truck and batteries are no longer onsite. All wreckage material appears to have been removed. While some grass growth has appeared around the bulk of the impacted area, there remains an area approximately 20 feet in diameter where the soil is blackened and no vegetative growth has appeared. No photos taken.

More follow-up is necessary next spring to ensure vegetation regrowth.

Updated Volume: None at the time of this update

Date: 9/10/2019    Status: Correspondence
Author: Suess, Bill
Notes:
The site needs to be re-inspected for verification of re-vegetation.

Updated Volume: None at the time of this update