



News Release for Colerain Fire

For Immediate Release

Date: **March 18, 2014**

Crews from Colerain Township F.D. were called to the area of the 9200 block of East Miami River Road just after 8:00pm last evening to investigate the possibility of an oily substance that was possibly dumped alongside the roadway. During their investigation they determined that a large oil spill/leak existed and posed a significant threat to the environment and the wetlands/marshy areas of the Oak Glen Nature Preserve, a 300 acre preserve operated by the Great Parks of Hamilton County.

CTFD officers, along with Great Parks Rangers conducted a thorough investigation of the area and after several hours of walking the wooded areas determined the problem to be coming from break/rupture of a regional crude oil pipeline that traverses the country from Texas to Michigan. The Ohio EPA was notified early in the investigation and a representative arrived on scene prior to midnight.

The Pipeline was determined to be operated by the Mid Valley Pipeline Corporation out of Sugarland Texas, with a regional office in Hebron Kentucky. Representatives from Mid Valley arrived on scene shortly after midnight. The Ohio EPA, along with representatives from Mid Valley and the Great Parks of Hamilton County are on scene and assessing the impact and scope of the oil leak.

Representatives from the above agencies who will be directly involved in the assessment and mitigation of the leak will be responsible for the coordination of information releases. The Colerain Township Fire Department will maintain a presence on scene for support services.

The preliminary representatives from the agencies are as follows:

Ohio EPA	Heather Lauer	614-728-0039
Mid-Valley Pipeline	Dan Harden	859-512-3872
Great Parks of Ham Co.	Bob Mason	513-728-3551 ext. #226

The above contact information may change as the incident evolves.

Residents are advised that a strong smell of "diesel"-like odors may exist in the immediate area but there is no immediate threat to health or life safety.

Questions or inquiries into this incident may be directed to either Public Information Officer: Captain Steve Conn at 513-615-8698, sconn@colerain.org, Captain Darian Edwards at 513-623-0078, dedwards@colerain.org or Robert Rielage at rrielage@colerain.org.



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