



News Release for Colerain Fire

For Immediate Release

Date: **March 23, 2014**

Update from this morning's 10:00 operational briefing:

A new operational plan has been enacted with revised scheduling. In order to accommodate this new schedule, Unified Command has requested that media briefings now be held at **11:00am** each day at the Command Post for the remainder of the "emergency recovery" operations.

Operations continue to go well throughout the last 24-hour period. To date, a total of 31,600 gallons of mixed product/water has been recovered. This will continue to settle over the next few days.

Zone 1 Update:

The pipeline repair is continuing. Future pressure testing will take place to test the integrity of the repair. There is no timeline for this testing. Any additional questions regarding the repair may be directed to Jeff Shields, PIO for Sunoco Logistics at 215-313-3056.

Zone 2 Update:

Yesterday, Zone 2 (stream) was flushed for 30 minutes with good results. The objective of these flushing operations is to allow pooled oil to flow downstream where it will collect in a pool in front of the underflow dam. The underflow dam allows water to flow downstream while oil collects on top of the pool in front of the dam. The results of this test were favorable and plans call for full scale flushing operations to begin today (3-23-14) and continue indefinitely.

Zone 3 Update:

The pond continues to show improved conditions. Gross decontamination of the pond surface is almost complete and crews will continue to work on any residual oil/sheen noticed on the pond surface. Staining and a "bathtub ring" around the shoreline of the pond is now the focus of the Zone 3 operations.

Zone 4 Update:

The Zone 4 contingency zone continues to be monitored regularly and there is still no sign of any contamination to the stream bed, the quarry pond or the Great Miami River. Monitoring will continue through all of these sites on a regular basis.

Environmental Update:

Atmospheric monitoring is continuous and still shows no air hazards detected.

Wildlife continue to be collected as they are affected by the spill. Agencies on scene report that a total of 21 different specimens (various species) have been collected. All but one specimen has been affected by oil contamination. They continue to monitor traps and stream beds for any additional wildlife and will continue with their operational plan for cleaning and releasing when appropriate.

Investigation Update:

The investigation into the cause of the break in the pipeline continues to be investigated by the Department of Transportation and all questions regarding the cause or progress of the investigation should be directed to the DOT.

An earlier press release was issued regarding media opportunity for photographs and video. Please refer to that document for additional information.

Questions or inquiries into this incident may be directed to Public Information Officer: Captain Steve Conn at 513-615-8698, sconn@colerain.org,