

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Pollution Response Program

Oil Sheen on Roaches Run & Potomac River

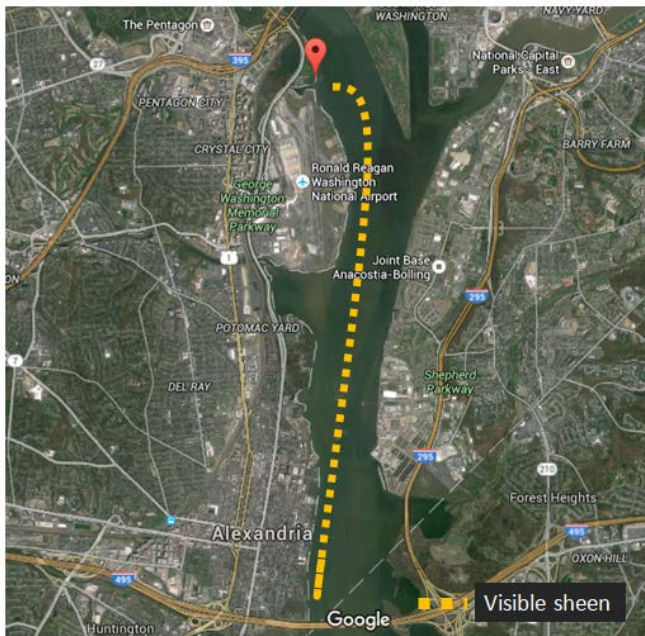
Situation Report #1

4 February 2016 | 1600 Hours

Incident Reference Numbers:

- HMVA Number: HMVA-16777
- NRC # 1139760
- Incident Report Number: Not assigned yet

Location: Roaches Run and Potomac River



Description of Incident

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transformer. DVP engaged a contractor to conduct response and recovery operations. Approximately 11,000 gallons of free product was recovered, and the balance of the oil was believed to be entrained in the soil and gravel. Several hundred tons of soil and gravel were removed. The bottom of the excavation was sampled for DRO (700 ppm). DVP backfilled the area with clean fill.

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- The sheen reports at the confluence of the Anacostia and the Potomac Rivers have not been correlated to the sheen reports at Roaches Run and the Potomac River down to Alexandria.

Wildlife Impacts

- DOEE reports that approximately 10 oiled geese were identified on the shore of Roaches Run (Virginia).
- Volunteers are being organized to capture and rehab the wildlife.

Impacts and Threats

- Oil sheen on Roaches Run and Potomac River (between Gravelly Point Park and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Alexandria).

Current Activities

- DEQ field investigation on-going to identify source.
- National Park Service has conducted a flyover but no report at this time.
- MWAA deployed hard boom at the mouth of Roaches Run.
- A Command Post has been established in the parking lot at Gravelly Point Park.

Planned Activities

- Continue field investigations

Participating Entities

- US Coast Guard – Sector Baltimore, US National Park Service, USFWS, MWAA, DEQ, DGIF, Arlington County, DDOE, VMRC

Personnel on Site

- Mark Miller, DEQ

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Situation Report #2

4 February 2016 @ 1500 -- 5 February 2016 @ 1000 Hours

Incident Reference Numbers:

- NRC # 1139760
- **DEQ Incident Report (IR) #: 2016-N-2266**
- VDEM HMVA Number: HMVA-16777
- DGIF EES Log: 36374

Location: Roaches Run and Potomac River



Description of Incident

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Current Activities

- DEQ with federal, state, local partners continue field investigations to identify source.
- National Park Service conducted a flyover on 4 February but no report at this time.
- MWAA deployed hard boom at the mouth of Roaches Run.
- **On 4 February 2016, the USCG federalized the incident**
- **On 4 February 2016, emulsified product was identified along the shoreline of Roach's Run. The USCG collected a sample of for analysis. The Coast Guard also requested a sample of transformer oil from a Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) transformer to determine whether the sheen is related to the 24 January mineral oil release from a DVP transformer (see below). Dominion agreed to the sampling.**
- **A Unified Command is set up at the Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) office in the District of Columbia. Unified Command is composed of USCG, DDOE, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, & Maryland Department of the Environment.**
- **Miller Environmental Group was contracted by the US Coast Guard to conduct required containment and removal actions.**
- **USCG contractor actively recovering free product in Roaches Run.**
- **Senator Mark Warner's office and other congressional representatives have requested updates. The USCG are providing these updates.**

Public Relations

- **The USCG prepared a press release. The press release was issued on the evening of 4 February 2016. The release is posted on the USCG website.**
- **Several media outlets are staged at Gravelly Point/Roaches Run. DOEE is considering scheduling a press conference.**
- **WTOP and the Washington Post have released news articles:**
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Planned Activities

- **USCG is developing an incident response plan.**
- **Containment and removal actions continue at Roaches Run/Potomac River.**
- **USCG is planning flyover later today.**

Wildlife Impacts

- **On 4 February, DOEE reported approximately 18 oiled geese were identified on the shore of Roaches Run (Virginia).**
- **Volunteers are being organized to capture and rehab the wildlife.**
- **Tri-State was contracted by the USCG to perform water fowl recovery and cleaning. DGIF is assisting Tri-State. As of 1000 hrs, 8 of 18 geese have been recovered. DGIF reports the recovery is going to take a short break to give remaining wildlife that need to be captured a break.**
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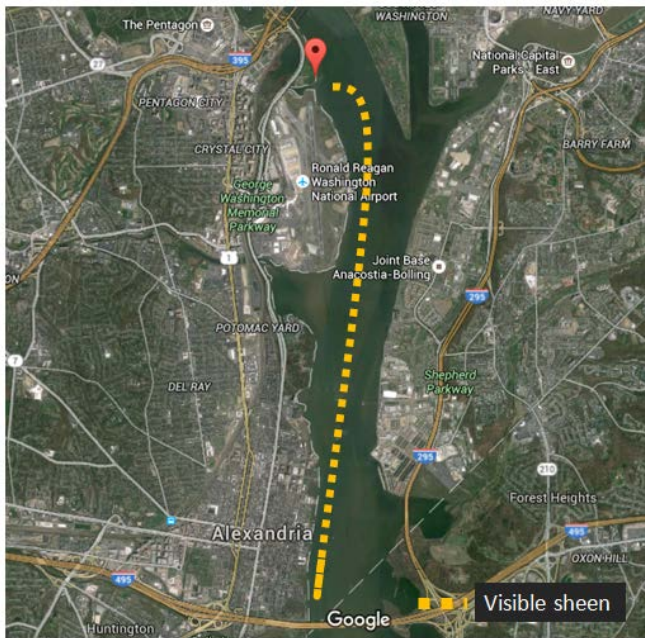
Situation Report #3

5 February 2016 @ 1000 -- 5 February 2016 @ 1600 Hours

Incident Reference Numbers:

- NRC # 1139760
- DEQ Incident Report (IR) #: 2016-N-2266
- VDEM HMVA Number: HMVA-16777
- DGIF EES Log: 36374

Location: Roaches Run and Potomac River



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Current Activities

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- Miller Environmental Group was contracted by the USCG to conduct required containment and removal actions.
- USCG contractor actively recovering free product in Roaches Run.
- Senator Mark Warner's office and other congressional representatives have requested updates. The USCG are providing these updates.
- **USCG developed an Incident Response Plan.**
- **Containment and removal of petroleum on Roaches Run is on-going.**
- **Source of sheen is not identified but source input appears limited now.**
- **Spread of oil sheen on Roaches Run is controlled.**
- **The USCG performed a flyover. Observations indicated the heaviest sheening exists in Roaches Run near the CSX tracks. Less sheening was observed along the Alexandria shoreline and downstream of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge compared to Roaches Run and compared to yesterday.**
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- **Social Media: The Potomac Riverkeepers Network has been on-site following the progress of the response action. PRKN has published information at: <http://www.twitter.com/PotomacRiver>**
- **WJLA published two posts:**
 - <http://wjla.com/news/local/potomac-river-oil-slick-sends-at-least-18-birds-other-wildlife-into-rehabilitation>
 - <http://wjla.com/news/local/authorities-work-to-clean-up-oily-substance-on-potomac-river-02-05-2016>

Planned Activities

- Containment and removal actions to continue at Roaches Run/Potomac River.
- **The Incident Command Post will be partially staffed tomorrow.**
- **Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Team (SCAT) will survey shorelines for sheen and areas of oiling. Additional response actions will be based upon the SCAT observations.**

Wildlife Impacts

- On 4 February, DOEE reported approximately 18 oiled geese were identified on the shore of Roaches Run (Virginia).
- Volunteers are being organized to capture and rehab the wildlife.
- Tri-State was contracted by the USCG to perform water fowl recovery and cleaning. DGIF is assisting Tri-State. As of 1000 hrs, 8 of 18 geese have been recovered. DGIF reports the recovery is going to take a short break to give remaining wildlife that need to be captured a break.
- Additional oiled geese have been potentially identified in Haines Point area (DC).
- **Recovery of the 18 affected geese is ongoing.**
- **Two dead ducks were recovered from the Roaches Run area.**

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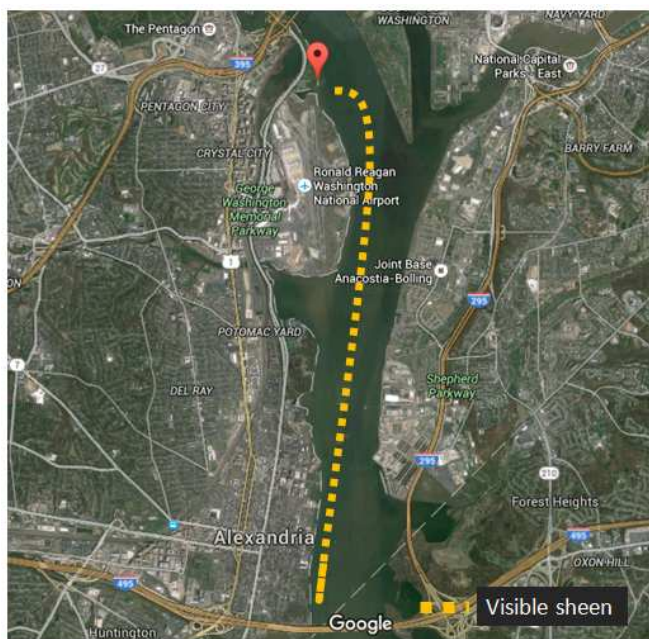
Situation Report #4

5 February 2016 @ 1600 -- 6 February 2016 @ 1500 Hours

Incident Reference Numbers:

- NRC # 1139760
- DEQ Incident Report (IR) #: 2016-N-2266
- VDEM HMVA Number: HMVA-16777
- DGIF EES Log: 36374

Location: Roaches Run and Potomac River



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- **On 6 February, USCG field teams attended the outfall and conducted a SCAT assessment of the surrounding area. Sheening is still visible within Roaches Run and in the vicinity of the Gravelly Point boat ramps but not expanding (based on DEQ staff observations from 1400 hours). No product is collecting at the outfall.**

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- **WMAL:** <http://www.wmal.com/2016/02/05/environmental-impacts-of-potomac-oil-spill-already-being-seen/>
- **Fox News:** <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/84876682-story>
- **Social Media users have posted information on Twitter that include video of wildlife impacts and attempts to capture wildlife.**
 - The Potomac Riverkeepers Network has been on-site following the progress of the response action. PRKN has published information at: <http://www.twitter.com/PotomacRiver>
 - **NBC4:** <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Authorities-Work-to-Clean-Up-Oily-Substance-on-Potomac-River-367823161.html>
 - **Segraves (NBC4):** <https://twitter.com/SegravesNBC4>
 - **Water Keepers Chesapeake Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/WaterkeepersCP>
 - **Peggy Fox (WUSA9):** <https://twitter.com/PeggyTV>

Planned Activities

- USCG field teams will continue to actively monitor the outfall and respond to reports through the weekend.
- On morning of Monday, 8 February, USCG and DEQ will coordinate with Arlington County to inspect the storm sewer system as part of the source investigation.

Wildlife Impacts

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- Additional oiled geese have been potentially identified in Haines Point area (DC).
- **Tri-State Bird Rescue reports the following:**
 - **16 waterfowl captured. Of these, 1 goose was euthanized because it was already ill, not believed to be oil related.**
 - **3 additional deceased geese recovered. Preliminary indications are that oil may have been a contributing factor.**
 - **3 additional geese are known to be impacted, but not captured. Tri-State continues efforts to capture them.**
- **Tri-State Bird Rescue will remain on contract until FWS is satisfied that additional efforts are not necessary.**

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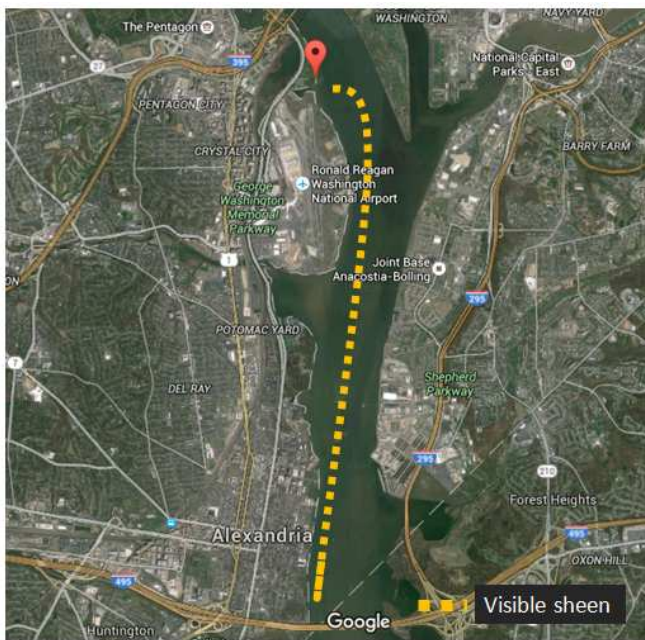
Situation Report #5

6 February 2016 @ 1500 -- 7 February 2016 @ 1600 Hours

Incident Reference Numbers:

- NRC # 1139760
- DEQ Incident Report (IR) #: 2016-N-2266
- VDEM HMVA Number: HMVA-16777
- DGIF EES Log: 36374

Location: Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary and Potomac River



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- Containment and removal of petroleum on Roaches Run is on-going.
- Source of sheen is not identified but source input appears limited now.
- Spread of oil sheen from Roaches Run to the Potomac River is controlled through deployment of booms.
- On 5 February, the USCG performed a flyover. Observations indicated the heaviest sheening exists in Roaches Run near the CSX tracks. Less sheening was observed along the Alexandria shoreline and downstream of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge compared to Roaches Run and compared to yesterday.
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District of Columbia

- At the beginning of February the National Response Center, US Coast Guard, and the District of Columbia's Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) have received and investigated numerous reports of oil sheen on the Anacostia River and the Potomac River, specifically in the vicinity of Buzzard Point and James Creek marinas and Joint Base Anacostia Bolling.
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- The sheen reports at the confluence of the Anacostia and the Potomac Rivers have not been correlated to the sheen reports at Roaches Run and the Potomac River down to Alexandria.

Participating Entities

- US Coast Guard – Sector Baltimore, US National Park Service, USFWS, MWAA, DEQ, MDE, DOEE, DGIF, Arlington County, VMRC

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Situation Report #6

7 February 2016 @ 1600 -- 8 February 2016 @ 1700 Hours

Incident Reference Numbers:

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- VDEM HMVA Number: HMVA-16777
- DGIF EES Log: 36374

Location: Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary and Potomac River



Description of Incident

- On afternoon/early evening of 3 February 2016, the DEQ received reports of oil sheen in the Alexandria, Virginia area.
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- The origin of the sheen is suspected to be from one of the outfalls discharging to Roaches Run.

Activities

- DEQ with federal, state, local partners continue field investigations to identify source.
- National Park Service conducted a flyover on 4 February but no report at this time.
- MWAA deployed hard boom at the mouth of Roaches Run.

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- Source of sheen is not identified but source input appears limited now.
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Needs to be captured	8+	
Bird collection points:	Reagan National Airport, Haines Point, Constitution Gardens, 14 th Street Bridge	

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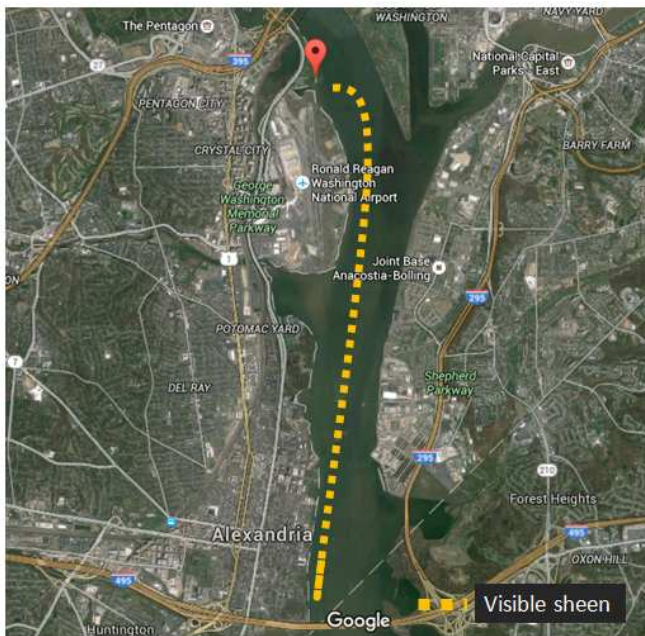
Situation Report #7

8 February 2016 @ 1700 -- 9 February 2016 @ 1600 Hours

Incident Reference Numbers:

- NRC # 1139760
- DEQ Incident Report (IR) #: 2016-N-2266
- VDEM HMVA Number: HMVA-16777
- DGIF EES Log: 36374

Location: Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary and Potomac River



Description of Incident

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- DEQ made observations in Alexandria that suggests the sheen extends as far south as the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Sheen was also observed at Gravelly Point Park and in Roaches Run.
- The origin of the sheen is suspected to be from one of the outfalls discharging to Roaches Run.

Activities

- DEQ with federal, state, local partners continue field investigations to identify source.
- National Park Service conducted a flyover on 4 February but no report at this time.
- MWAA deployed hard boom at the mouth of Roaches Run.
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- On 4 February 2016, emulsified product was identified along the shoreline of Roach's Run. The USCG collected a sample of for analysis. The USCG also requested a sample of transformer oil from a Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) transformer to determine whether the sheen is related to the 24 January mineral oil release from a DVP transformer (see below). Dominion agreed to the sampling.
- A Unified Command was set up at the Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) office in the District of Columbia. Unified Command is composed of USCG, DOEE, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, & Maryland Department of the Environment.
- Miller Environmental Group was contracted by the USCG to conduct required containment and removal actions.
- Senator Mark Warner's office and other congressional representatives have requested updates. The USCG is providing these updates.
- USCG developed an Incident Response Plan.
- Containment and removal of petroleum on Roaches Run is on-going.
- Source of sheen is not identified but source input appears limited now.
- Spread of oil sheen from Roaches Run to the Potomac River is controlled through deployment of booms.
- On 5 February, the USCG performed a flyover. Observations indicated the heaviest sheening exists in Roaches Run near the CSX tracks. Less sheening was observed along the Alexandria shoreline and downstream of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge compared to Roaches Run and compared to yesterday.
- The USCG met DVP at the site of the transformer release to collect samples of the mineral oil from the transformer. The USCG also collected a sample of the emulsified oil observed in the first manhole adjacent to the transformer station. Results are expected on Monday (8 February) or Tuesday (9 February).
- On 6 February, USCG field teams attended the outfall and conducted a SCAT assessment of the surrounding area. Sheening is still visible within Roaches Run and in the vicinity of the Gravelly Point boat ramps but not expanding (based on DEQ staff observations from 1400 hours on 6 February). No product is collecting at the outfall.
- On 7 February at approximately 1100, a USCG field team observed possible new sheening into Roaches Run at the 6th Street stormwater outfall. This outfall is inside of the current containment at the mouth of Roaches Run on the Potomac and is limiting spread to the Potomac.
- On the afternoon of 7 February, the USCG, DEQ and Arlington Fire Department inspected a couple of the manholes just upstream of the 6th Street outfall. The outfalls had a small amount of standing water but no oil emulsion or sheen.
- The USCG has engaged a second contractor, HEPACO, to assist with the deployment and maintenance of the booms that are being used to contain the oil sheen.
- On 8 February, the USCG Atlantic Strike Team arrived to assist the Unified Command with the field investigation.
- On 8 February, the USCG, DEQ and Arlington planned to conduct a dye test on the storm sewer system – particularly the portion of the system that discharges at the Crystal City/VRE outfall. However, after an initial evaluation, the USCG and DEQ decided to cancel the dye test because insufficient flowing water was present in the storm sewer system to carry the dye to the outfall. The field team continued its investigation by pulling and inspecting manholes along the line.
- The Unified Command received **preliminary** results on 8 February from the first oil sample recovered from the water at Gravelly Point near Arlington, Virginia. The sample contains intermediate petroleum oil with characteristics most resembling those of moderate to severely weathered fuel oil. Additional samples taken from various locations at Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary will be processed during the next few days.
- **The Unified Command received the Oil Sample Analysis Report from the Marine Safety Lab for the first oil sample recovered from the water at Gravelly Point. The report is consistent with the preliminary results.**

Planned Activities

- USCG field teams will continue to actively monitor the outfall and respond to reports tomorrow through the forecasted winter storm.

Wildlife Impacts

- On 4 February, DOEE reported approximately 18 oiled geese were identified on the shore of Roaches Run (Virginia).
- Volunteers are being organized to capture and rehab the wildlife.
- Tri-State was contracted by the USCG to perform water fowl recovery and cleaning.
- USFWS provided the following update on 8 February at 2041:**
 - USFWS met with USDA Wildlife Services to discuss day's activities.
 - USFWS attended daily and safety brief held by USCG.
 - USFWS headed to NPS maintenance facility located along George Washington Memorial Parkway to setup wildlife morgue.
 - USDA were informed to collect any sick or dead birds that they encounter while surveying Roaches Run sanctuary and that all carcasses that were collected were to be transported to the wildlife morgue by COB.
 - USFWS personnel conducted wildlife surveys looking for bird concentrations, oiled birds, and presence of sheen/oil as far south as Fort Hunt Road. Large numbers of geese, none of which were oiled, were observed near Empress Court pull off; River Farm Park; and Hunting Creek areas. None of these sites were observed to have any sheen present.
 - Further north at Wolfe Street in Alexandria, light sheening and a slight odor were observed Waterfront and Founders Park, light sheen and light odor of oil were observed.
 - USDA delivered 8 carcasses to USFWS wildlife morgue, all but 1 was retrieved from Roaches Run. The other carcass (ring bill gull) was collected at the East Potomac golf course.

Description	Number/Type Impacted by Oil	Number/Type Due to Cause Other Than Oil
Mortalities at site	1 Goose 4 Mallard 2 Merganser 1 Scaup 1 Green heron 1 Great blue heron 1 Ring bill gull 1 Carp	1 Muskrat
Captured	35 Geese	
Tri-State custody	33	
Washed	27	
Euthanized at rehab facility	1 Goose 1 mallard	
Needs to be captured	Possibly a few	
Bird collection points:	Reagan National Airport, Haines Point, Constitution Gardens, 14 th Street Bridge	

- Tri-State Bird Rescue will remain on contract until FWS is satisfied that additional efforts are not necessary.

Public Relations

The USCG prepared and issued a press release on the evening of 4 February 2016. The release is posted on the USCG website.

USCG held a press conference. Primary questions from reporters were whether source had been identified, and specifically whether DVP is the source, and whether the booming strategy at the mouth of Roaches Run is effective. USCG responded that all sheen reports and possible sources were being investigated and that due to tidal flow and winds, some oil may flow over the initial boom but secondary and tertiary booms have been placed for containment.

On 8 February, the USCG held a press conference to provide a status update on the response action and to provide information about management of impacted wildlife.

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PHOTOS: Mysterious 'sheen' on Potomac River baffles investigators, closes Gravelly Point

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WTOP | 4 February

<http://wtop.com/arlington/2016/02/d-c-works-to-identify-clean-up-oily-substance-on-potomac-river/>

WUSA9 - Video | 02.04.16

Questions raised after 'oil sheen' appears on Potomac River

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News – 5 February

Chesapeake Bay Journal | 5 February

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FOX5 | 5 February | 1649

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NBC4 | 02.05.16

Oily Substance Coats Bird Sanctuary, 8 Miles of Potomac River

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Race to Contain Potomac River Spill, Save Geese

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Redbrick Town | 5 February | 0950

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USCG News | 5 February

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Alexandria News

Coast Guard, Partner Agencies Respond To Potomac River Sheen; Treat Affected Waterfowl

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WUSA9 | 7 February | 0853

Some birds lost feathers, oil clean-up continues on the Potomac

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Friends of Dyke Marsh: <https://www.facebook.com/DykeMarsh/>

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Water Keepers Chesapeake Twitter: <https://twitter.com/WaterkeepersCP>

Blogs

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