Failure Investigation Report - Buckeye Tank 701 Line Failure - Activity ID 128252

Principal Investigator Chris D'Souza

Regional Director Byron Coy

Date of Report 03/14/2011

Subject Failure Investigation Report – Buckeye Tank 701 Line

Failure

Summary:

On December 30, 2009 @ 22:40 hrs Buckeye called the NRC to report a gasoline leak from a line connected to Storage Tank 701 (Appendix 4 – NRC Report 927442). Residents from Clear View Lane numbers 2250 and 2290 reported odors in their homes on December 29, 2009 @ 21:12 hrs. This was initially reported on NRC# 927364 (Appendix 3).

Residents from four homes on Clear View Lane were evacuated by the Fire Department as a precautionary measure. The odors were emanating from the sewer line in those homes and from sewer vents on the street.

The location of the leak on the pipe was below grade on the underside of the single pipe connection to and from Tank # 701, below a valve manifold along the inside of Buckeye's fence line on Cherry Road (Appendix 1 - Map). The leak in the pipe occurred as a result of external corrosion. Gasoline product migrated below grade to the outside of the property fence line where it entered a breach in a nearby sewage line on Cherry Tree Road.

After the discovery of the leak, the tank line was drained, the coating peeled back and the integrity of the pipe was good enough to install a temporary "Plidco" sleeve. The line was pressure tested to 128 psig on January 1, 2010, and did not leak. After the pressure test, product transfer resumed, using the temporarily repaired line, for approximately 6 hrs without additional leaks.

A trench, approximately 5 feet deep was dug between the repaired line and fence line to mitigate product plume migration. Three monitoring wells (PZ1/ PZ2 / PZ3), 15 feet deep were installed along the line directly between the failed line and fence line to monitor product. Initial product depth in PZ2 & PZ3 was about 2ft in the wells. PZ1 showed no product. The water table is approximately 8-10 feet. Additional monitoring wells are planned to delineate product plume. One monitoring hole was dug up on the residential side of Cherry Tree Road to check for any product – no product was found and the hole was filled. Approximately 386 barrels of gasoline was spilled. Fifty-two barrels were recovered. (Appendix 5 - Photos)

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Operator, Location, & Consequences

Date & Time of Failure: 12/29/2009 22:00

Commodity Released: Gasoline

City/County & State: Aston, Delaware County, PA, 19014

OpID & Operator Name 1845 Buckeye
Unit # & Unit Name 20171 Booth

SMART Activity #: 128252

Milepost / Location Latitude: 39.8652

Longitude: -75.452042

Type of Failure: Pipe leak

Fatalities: 0

Injuries 0

Description of area

impacted

 $\label{lem:continuous} \textbf{Urban-Buckeye Chelsea Aston Tank Farm Property and nearby residential area}$

Property damage / Total

Costs

\$2,953,327

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System Details

Chelsea Tank Farm - 12 Breakout tanks and associated piping

Events Leading up to the Failure

Buckeye Partners' (Buckeye) control center in Breinigsville, PA received a call from the Aston, PA Fire Marshall reporting gasoline odors in the area of Clearview Lane in Aston, PA (Appendix 1 - Map). Buckeye's 8" pipeline in the area (CT553JP) had been shut down earlier in the day as part of a normal, scheduled shut down and the pipeline pressure was being monitored. A detailed timeline of events can be found in Appendix 6 of this report.

Emergency Response

After notification from Buckeye's control center, field personnel arrived at the site and confirmed the presence of gasoline odors. A representative of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) measured gas odors in several adjacent sanitary sewer manholes as well as a few nearby residences. The fire department requested the evacuation of four residences as a precaution until the vapor levels subsided.

A unified command was established by Buckeye's local operations manager. Buckeye personnel proceeded to walk the pipeline right of way and although no visible product was seen, they did detect an odor in some areas. Buckeye decided to walk the pipeline right of way again during daylight hours and to dig test holes in the areas of high vapor levels. Buckeye had a total of ten locations probed between Cherry Tree Street and Overlook Street with no product found. The test holes dug on Arbor Lane were also found to be clean of product. The PADEP representative indicated that it appeared that the problem was in the vicinity of Scott Lane because the sewer manholes on Cherry Tree Street and Frazer Street had high vapor levels. Buckeye decided to excavate the gasoline tank lines inside the adjacent Chelsea station since these pipelines were closer to Scott Street. Buckeye personnel identified high vapor levels and visible product in the excavation at the tank junction valves in Chelsea station. The release was determined to be on the tank 701 line. Buckeye installed a Plidco sleeve, which stopped the release.

Summary of initial start-up plan and return-to-service, including preliminary safety measures

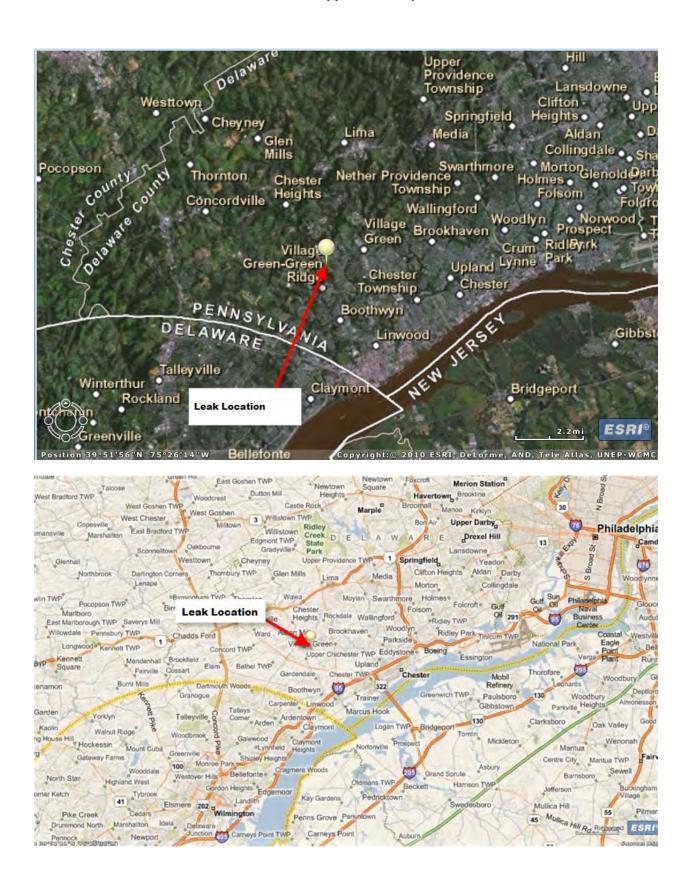
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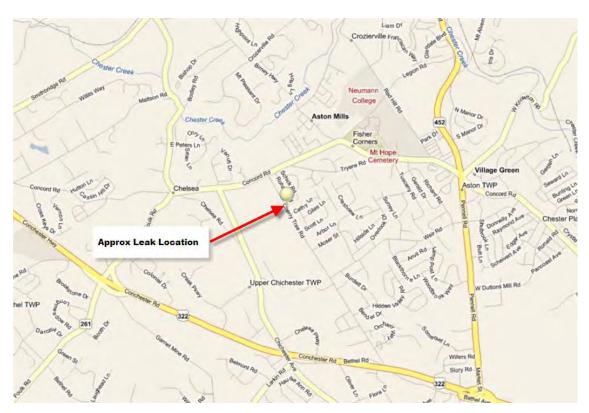
Investigation Findings & Contributing Factors

The cause has been determined to be external microbiological induced corrosion. The corrosion appears to be limited to the section of piping where the failure occurred.

Appendices

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2	Accident Report 20090367 - 13086
3	NRC Report 927364
4	NRC Report 927442
5	Photos
6	Accident Report 20090367 Timeline of Events











ACCIDENT REPORT – HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS

Report Date

January 27, 2010

U.S Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Report format corresponds to Form PHMSA F 7000-1 (01-2001)

No.

20090367 - 13086

PARIA - GEN	PART A – GENERAL INFORMATION				
N	Original Report	Υ	Supplemental Report	N	Final Report
1. Operator Nam			·		
	-digit Identification I		1845		
	does not own the pip				
	5-digit Identification	Number (if			
known)			DUOLENCE DADT		
c. Name of Op			BUCKEYE PART	NERS, LP	
d. Operator str		0:1	P.O. BOX 368		
e. Operator ad		City	EMMAUS		
		County or Parish	LEHIGH		
		State	PA		
0 T		Zip code	18049		
2. Time and date	e of the accident		1 00 00		
		Hour	22:00		
0.1		e of the accident	12/29/2009		
3. Location of a	ccident		00.00		
a. Latitude			39.86		
Longitude			-75.45		
b. City			ASTON		
County or Pa	arisn		DELAWARE		
c. State			PA		
Zip Code	de Otation		19014		
d. Mile Post/Va			0		
Survey Stati			0		
4. Telephone Re			007440		
NRC Report Number			927443		
Date	. "		12/30/09		
5. Losses (Estin					
	ity Losses reimbu				
	property damage	\$	250,381		
	ency response phas		195,243		
	nmental remediation	•	2,140,000		
Other Costs		\$	0		
Describe					
Operator Losses		Φ.			
Value of produ		\$	28,283		
	tor property damage		63,620		
Other Costs		\$	275,800		
Describe			REPAIRS		
Total Costs		\$	2,953,327		
6. Commodity S			T v		
Commodity spi			Y		
a. Name of cor	nmodity spilled		GASOLINE	DEL ELIEL O''	OD OTHER
b. Classification of commodity spilled			GASOLINE, DIESEL, FUEL OIL OR OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCT WHICH IS A LIQUID AT AMBIENT CONDITIONS		
c. Estimated amo	ount of commodity in	nvolved			
Unit of Measur			BARRELS		
Amount Spilled			386.00		
Amount Recov			52.00		
CAUSES FOR S			NO DATA		
	ARER AND AUTHO	ORIZED SIGNAT			
	THE PARTY	J. LLLD GIGHAT	BRAD YARZEBI		

		nt Report 20090367 - 13	U86	
Area Code and Telepho		6109044958		
Preparer's E-mail Addres Area Code and Facsimil		BYARZEBINSKI@BUCKEYE.COM 6109044545		
		6109044545		
PART C – ORIGIN OF TH 1. Additional location info				
a. Line segment name o		СТ		
b. Accident on Federal L				
Continental Shelf	and other than Outer	NO		
c. Is pipeline Interstate		Υ		
Offshore		N		
d. Area				
Block #				
State				
Outer Continental Sh		N		
2. Location of system inv	olved			
Operator's Property		YES		
Pipeline Right of Way		N		
High Consequence Area	a (HCA)	Υ		
Describe HCA		HIGH POPULATION		
3. Part of system involve	d in accident	PUMP/METER STATION		
Other (specify)				
	eline, complete items a-g	T T		
a. Leak or Rupture				
Type of Leak - Puncture, diameter (ind	-()			
Type of Rupture	cries)			
- Tear/Crack, length (inc	shoo)			
- Propagation Length, to				
Other (specify)	tai, both sides (reet)			
	sed for isolation immediate	section		
Upstream				
Manual		NO		
Automatic		NO		
Remote Control		NO		
Check Valve		NO		
Downstream				
Manual		NO		
Automatic		NO		
Remote Control		NO		
Check Valve		NO		
c. Length of segment isolated (ft)				
d. Distance between valves (ft) e. Is segment configured for internal inspection				
	ior internal inspection			
tools?	ine inspection device run			
at the point of failure?	me mapeonon device full			
g. If Yes, type of device	run			
High Resolution				
Magnetic Flux	NO	Year run		
tool				
Low Resolution				
Magnetic Flux	NO	Year run		
tool	NO	V		
UT tool	NO	Year run		
Geometry tool	NO	Year run		
Caliper tool	NO NO	Year run		
Crack tool		Year run		
Hard Spot tool NO Other tool NO		Year run Year run		
4. Failure occurred on	110	BODY OF PIPE		
Other (specify)		DODI OF FIFE		
Year the component that	t failed was installed	1947		
5. Maximum operating pressure (MOP)				
a. Estimated pressure at		40		
acnatoa procoaro at		2		

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accident	(PSIG)		
b. MOP at time of accid	,	305.00	
c. Did an over pressurize accident?	ation occur relating to the	N	
PART D - MATERIAL SP	ECIFICATION		
1. Nominal pipe size (NI		12	
2. Wall thickness	(inches)	.3	
3. Specification	()	API 5L GRADE B	
0: 0 p00000	SMYS	35000	
4. Seam type		SEAMLESS	
5. Valve type		OL/ WILLOO	
6. Manufactured by			
6. Manadatarea by	in year		
PART E - ENVIRONMENT			
1. Area of accident		UNDER GROUND	
Other (specify)		UNDER GROUND	'
2. Depth of cover	(inches)	72	
PART F - CONSEQUENC		12	
	E3	Estalities	Injurios
1. Consequences	man laye a a	Fatalities	Injuries
a. Number of operator e		0	0
Contractor employees w	orking for operator	0	0
General public		0	0
Totals		0	0
b. Was pipeline/segmen		Υ	
If Yes, how long?	Days	1	
	Hours	18	
	Minutes	0	
c. Product ignited		Gas did not Ignite	
d. Explosion		NO EXPLOSION	
e. Evacuation (general p		Υ	
	Number of people	10	
Reason for Evacuation		EVACUATION RE PUBLIC OFFICIAL	QUIRED OR INITIATED BY -
f. Elapsed time until area	a was made safe		
	Hours	35	
	Minutes	15	
2. Environmental Impact			
a. Wildlife Impact			
Fish/aquatic		N	
Birds		N	
Terrestrial		N	
b. Soil Contamination		Υ	
If Yes, estimated number		250	
c. Long term impact ass	essment performed	Υ	
d. Anticipated remediation	on	Υ	
If Yes, check all that app	oly		
Surface Water		N	
Groundwater		Υ	
Soil		Υ	
Vegetation		N	
Wildlife			
e. Water Contamination		Υ	
Amount in water (barrels)		.1	
Ocean/Seawater			
Surface			
Groundwater		Υ	
Drinking water		Y	
Drinking water source		PRIVATE WELL	
PART G – LEAK DETECT	TION INFORMATION	,	
1. Computer based leak			
place?	detection capability in	N	
2. Was the release initia	Illy detected by?	A THIRD PARTY	
Other (specify)	my detected by:	V HIND LAULT	
Outer (specify)			

S. Estimated leak duration Days	1
Hours	4
PART H – APPARENT CAUSE	
H1 – CORROSION 1. External Corrosion	Yes
2. Internal Corrosion	165
Complete items a-e where applicable	
a. Pipe Coating	COATED
b. Visual Examination	LOCALIZED PITTING
Other (specify)	LOGALIZEDITITIVO
c. Cause of Corrosion	MICROBIOLOGICAL
Other (specify)	
d. Was corroded part of pipeline considered to be	
under cathodic protection prior to discovering	Υ
accident?	
Year Protection Started	1967
e. Was pipe previously damaged in the area of	N
corrosion?	IN .
Estimated time prior to accident Years	
Months	
H2 – NATURAL FORCES	
3. Earth Movement	
Description	
Other (specify)	
4. Lightning	
5. Heavy Rains/Floods	
Description	
Other (specify)	
6. Temperature	
Description	
Other (specify) 7. High Winds	
H3 – EXCAVATION DAMAGE	
Operator Excavation Damage (including their contractors / Not Third Party)	
9. Third Party	
a. Excavator group	
b. Type	
Other (specify)	
c. Excavation was	
d. Excavation was ongoing activity (Month or	
longer)	
If Yes, Date of last contact	
e. Did operator get prior notification of	
excavation activity?	
If Yes; Date received	null
Notification received from	
f. Was pipeline marked?	
i. Temporary markings	
ii. Permanent markings	
iii. Marks were	
iv. Were marks made within required time?	
H4 – OTHER OUTSIDE FORCE DAMAGE	
10. Fire/Explosion as primary cause of failure	
Fire/Explosion cause	
11. Car, truck or other vehicle not relating to	
excavation activity damaging pipe	
12. Rupture of Previously Damaged Pipe 13. Vandalism	
H5 – MATERIAL AND/OR WELD FAILURES	
Material 14. Body of Pipe	
Description	

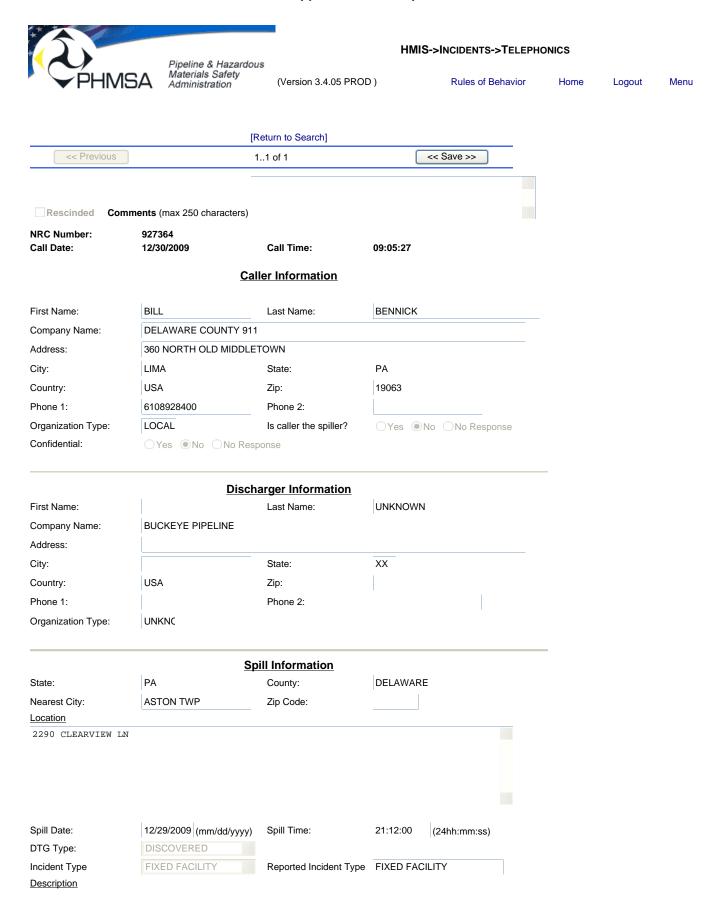
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Other (specify)	
15. Component	
Description	
Other (specify)	
16. Joint	
Description	
Other (specify)	
Weld	
17. Butt	
Description	
Other (specify)	
18. Fillet	
Description	
Other (specify)	
19. Pipe Seam	
Description	
Other (specify)	
Complete a-g if you indicate any cause in part H5	
a. Type of failure	
Construction Defect	NO DATA
Description	
Material Defect	NO DATA
b. Was failure due to pipe damage sustained in	
transportation to the construction or fabrication	
site?	
c. Was part which leaked pressure tested before	
accident occurred?	
d. Date of test	
Year	
Month	
Day	
e. Test medium	
Other (specify)	
f. Time held at test pressure (hr)	
g. Estimated test pressure at point of incident	
(PSIG)	
H6 – EQUIPMENT	
20. Malfunction of Control/Relief Equipment	
Description	
Other (specify)	
21. Threads Stripped, Broken Pipe Coupling	
Description	
Other (specify)	
22. Seal Failure	
Description	
Other (specify)	
H7 – INCORRECT OPERATION	
23. Incorrect Operation	
a. Type	
Other (specify)	
b. Number of employees involved who failed a post-	L accident test
Drug test	acordoni test
Alcohol test	
H8 - OTHER	
24. Miscellaneous	
Describe	
25. Unknown	
Describe	
	CONTRIBUTING TO THE EVENT
PART I – NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FACTORS	

ON DECEMBER 29, 2009 AT 10:00 P.M., BUCKEYE PARTNERS' (BUCKEYE) CONTROL CENTER IN BREINIGSVILLE, PA RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE ASTON, PA FIRE MARSHALL REPORTING GASOLINE ODORS IN THE AREA OF CLEARVIEW LANE IN ASTON, PA. BUCKEYE'S 8" PIPELINE IN THE AREA (CT553JP) HAD BEEN SHUT DOWN EARLIER IN THE DAY AS PART OF A NORMAL,

SCHEDULED SHUT DOWN AND THE PIPELINE PRESSURE WAS BEING MONITORED. AFTER NOTIFICATION FROM BUCKEYE'S CONTROL CENTER, FIELD PERSONNEL ARRIVED AT THE SITE AND CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF GASOLINE ODORS. AT 12:45 A.M. ON DECEMBER 30, 2009, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PADEP) MEASURED GAS ODORS IN SEVERAL ADJACENT SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES AS WELL AS A FEW NEARBY RESIDENCES. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED THE EVACUATION OF FOUR RESIDENCES AS A PRECAUTION UNTIL THE VAPOR LEVELS SUBSIDED. AT 1:40 A.M. ON DECEMBER 30, 2009 A UNIFIED COMMAND WAS ESTABLISHED BY BUCKEYE'S LOCAL OPERATIONS MANAGER. BUCKEYE PERSONNEL PROCEEDED TO WALK THE PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY AND ALTHOUGH NO VISIBLE PRODUCT WAS SEEN, THEY DID DETECT AN ODOR IN SOME AREAS. BUCKEYE DECIDED TO WALK THE PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY AGAIN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS AND TO DIG TEST HOLES IN THE AREAS OF HIGH VAPOR LEVELS. BY NOON ON DECEMBER 30, 2009, BUCKEYE HAD A TOTAL OF TEN LOCATIONS PROBED BETWEEN CHERRY TREE STREET AND OVERLOOK STREET WITH NO PRODUCT FOUND. THE TEST HOLES DUG ON ARBOR LANE WERE ALSO FOUND TO BE CLEAN OF PRODUCT. AT 12:28 P.M. ON DECEMBER 30, 2009, THE PADEP REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS IN THE VICINITY OF SCOTT LANE BECAUSE THE SEWER MANHOLES ON CHERRY TREE STREET AND FRAZER STREET HAD HIGH VAPOR LEVELS. BUCKEYE DECIDED TO EXCAVATE THE GASOLINE TANK LINES INSIDE THE ADJACENT CHELSEA STATION SINCE THESE PIPELINES WERE CLOSER TO SCOTT STREET. AT 10:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 30, 2009 BUCKEYE PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED HIGH VAPOR LEVELS AND VISIBLE PRODUCT IN THE EXCAVATION AT THE TANK JUNCTION VALVES IN CHELSEA STATION. THE RELEASE WAS DETERMINED TO BE ON THE TANK 701 LINE. AT 1:30 A.M. ON DECEMBER 31, 2009, BUCKEYE INSTALLED A PLIDCO SLEEVE, WHICH STOPPED THE RELEASE. AT NOON ON DECEMBER 31, 2009, ALL RESIDENTS WERE CLEARED TO SAFELY RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. ON JANUARY 1, 2010, THE LOCAL SEWER AUTHORITY CONFIRMED AT LEAST THREE BREACHES IN THE SANITARY SEWER LINE LOCATED UNDER CHERRY TREE STREET. THESE BREACHES ALLOWED GASOLINE FROM THE RELEASE TO GET INTO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM. THE LOCAL SEWER AUTHORITY IS PRESENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF REPAIRING THE SEWER SYSTEM IN THIS AREA. BUCKEYE CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE PLIDCO SLEEVE TWICE DAILY UNTIL PERMANENT REPAIRS CAN BE COMPLETED, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010. BUCKEYE HAS DUG NUMEROUS TEST WELLS AND CONTINUES TO WORK ON BOTH THE REMEDIATION OF THE RELEASE AND DETERMINING THE ESTIMATED VOLUME. BUCKEYE NOTIFIED ALL APPROPRIATE OUTSIDE AGENCIES OF THIS INCIDENT. PERMANENT REPAIRS WERE COMPLETED ON FEBRUARY 12, 2010 BY CUTTING OUT THE DAMAGED PIPE AND REPLACING IT WITH CERTIFIED PIPE. THE DAMAGED PIPE HAS BEEN SENT TO A LABORATORY FOR METALLURGICAL ANALYSIS. METALLURGICAL ANALYSIS REVEALED THE CAUSE OF THE EXTERNAL CORROSION TO BE MICROBIOLOGICALLY INDUCED CORROSION. REMEDIATION IS STILL ON-GOING. OPERATION OF THE FACILITY WAS TURNED OVER TO CONOCOPHILLIPS ON 3-1-11.

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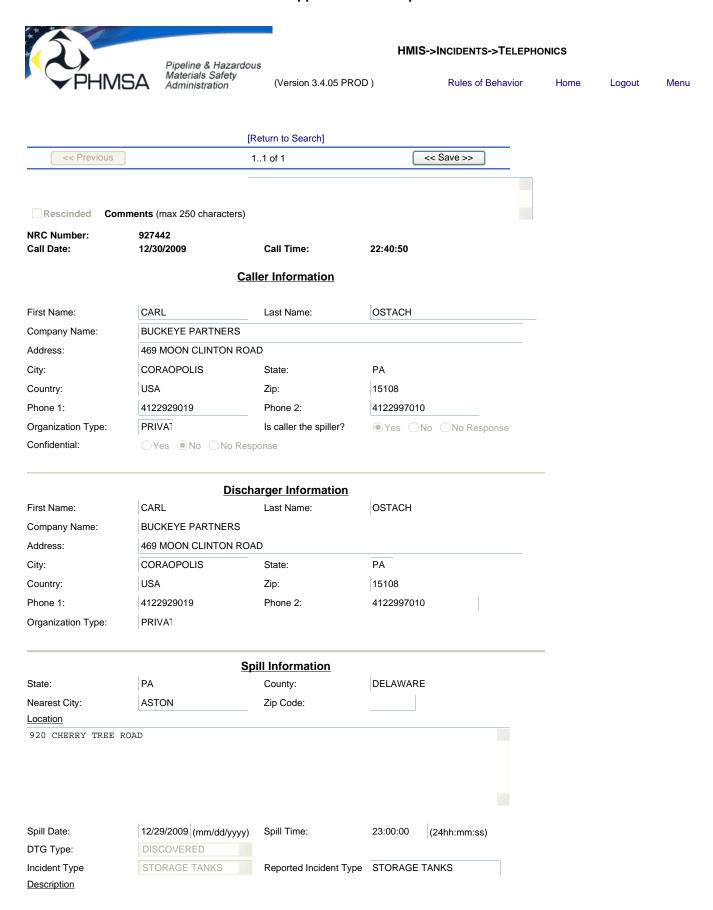


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CALLER IS REPORTING						
Materiala Invalvad						
Materials Involved Material / Chris Name	Ici	nris Code	Total Qty.		Water Qty.	
UNKNOWN MATERIAL		VK	0 UNKNOWN AMOUN	IT	water Qty.	
	1					
Medium Type:	AIR					
Additional Medium Inform	ation:					
ATMOSPHERE						
Injuries:			Fatalites:			
Evacuations:	● Yes ○ No	Unknown	No. of Evacuations:	10		
Damages:	○ Yes No	Unknown	Damage Amount:			
Federal Agency Notified:			State Agency Notified:	○Yes ○No	Unknown	
Other Agency Notified:	○ Yes ○ No	Unknown				
Remedial Actions						
CALLER STATES THAT HOUSES HAVE BEEN EV		OF THE ODOF	R IS UNDER INVESTIG	ATION AND T	HAT 3 TO 4	
Additional Info						
NO ADDITIONAL INFOR	RMATION TO R	EPORT.				
<u>Latitude</u>						
Degrees: Longitude	Minutes:		Seconds:	Quadrant:		
Degrees:	Minutes:		Seconds:	Quadrant:		
Distance from City:			Direction:			
Section:		- "	Township:			
Range:		-	Milepost:			

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***THIS IS A UPDATE FROM STORAGE TANK'S			ALLER IS REPORTI	NG A SPILL OF (SASOLINE
Materials Involved					
Material / Chris Name	/E /LINII EADED)	Chris Code		Water Qty. UNT 0 UNKNOW	NI AMOUNT
GASOLINE: AUTOMOTIV	/E (UNLEADED)	GAS	0 UNKNOWN AMO	ON O ONKNOW	N AWOUNT
Medium Type:	UNKNOWN				
Additional Medium Information	ation:				
leivrice	1 1	5-	ıtalites:	1	
Injuries:					
Evacuations:	○Yes No ○Un	known N o	o. of Evacuations:		
Damages:	○Yes No ○Un	known Da	amage Amount:		
Federal Agency Notified:	O Yes O No O I In	known St	ate Agency Notified:	○Yes ○No ●U	nknown
Other Agency Notified:	Yes No Un		ato rigorio, riotilioai	0 103 0 NO 0 0	THOTOWIT
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Remedial Actions CALLER STATED THE M LINE.	MATERIAL WAS CON	TAINED AN	D THEY PLACED A	CLAMPED ON THE	LEAKING
Additional Info					
CALLER HAD NO ADDIT	'IONAL INFORMATI	ON.			
<u>Latitude</u>					
Degrees: Longitude	Minutes:	Se	econds:	Quadrant:	
Degrees:	Minutes:	Se	econds:	Quadrant:	
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128252 Appendix 5 - Photos

Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

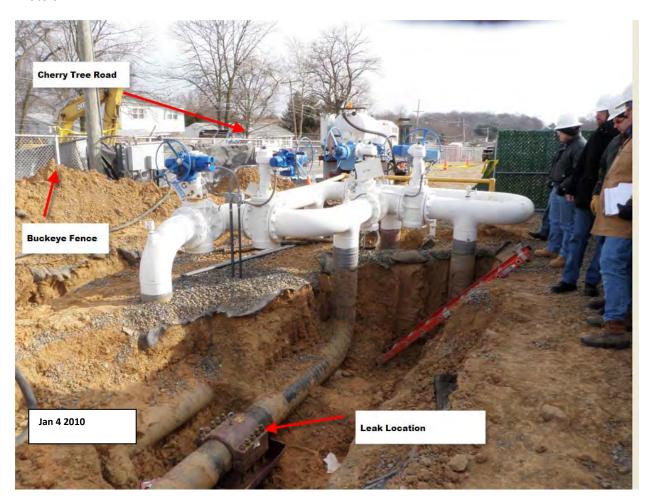


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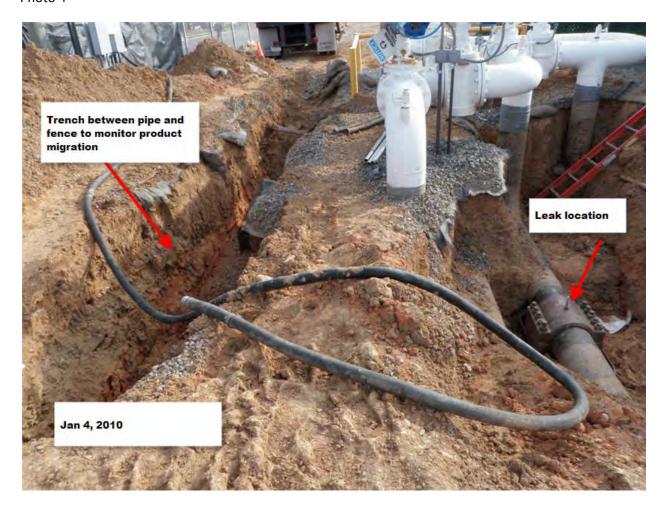


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12/31/2009	12:00	All residents were cleared to safely return to their homes.
1/1/2010		The local sewer authority confirmed at least three breaches in the sanitary sewer line located under cherry tree street. These breaches allowed gasoline from the release to get into the sanitary sewer system. The local sewer authority is presently in the process of repairing the sewer system in this area. Buckeye continues to monitor the Plidco sleeve twice daily
2/8/2010		Buckeye has dug numerous test wells and continues to work on both the remediation of the release and determining the estimated volume. Buckeye notified all appropriate outside agencies of this incident.
2/12/2010		Permanent repairs were completed by cutting out the damaged pipe and replacing it with certified pipe. The damaged pipe has been sent to a laboratory for metallurgical analysis. Metallurgical analysis revealed the cause of the external corrosion to be microbiologically induced corrosion. Remediation is continuing.
3/1/2011		Operation of the facility was turned over to ConocoPhillips.