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Naval Air Station Oceana Fuel Spill Update #7

Virginia Beach, Va. – Work continues this weekend for responders with the Unified Command activated in response to the May 11 Wolfsnare Creek fuel spill.

The Navy is continuing to address the immediate financial concerns of the voluntarily relocated residents, including the acquisition of funds while in the temporary lodging. All displaced residents are being contacted personally to determine individual needs.

Air quality samples, being monitored by the EPA, continue to indicate near zero readings. The odor of fuel in the area is also diminishing.

The Navy's Mid-Atlantic Region Commander, Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, visited the cleanup sites again Saturday. "The health and welfare of the residents continues to be my top priority," Scorby said.

Excavation of soil in the trench along London Bridge Rd. will commence on Monday. The excavation will not require lane closures and will not negatively impact traffic.

Responders also surveyed impacted areas and continued their field assessments.

According to Petty Officer 1st Class Brett Tindol, a Marine Science Technician with the Coast Guard's Gulf Strike Team working for the Unified Command, in addition to the soil removal along London Bridge Road, responders also checked the dams to make sure they weren't affected by Friday's rain.

Operations will continue through the weekend.

Scorby said yesterday he was optimistic the operations could transition to the remediation phase sometime next week, and is committed to the cleanup effort for as long as it takes.