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Naval Air Station Oceana Fuel Spill Update #8

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA – Work continues by responders with the Unified Command activated for the May 11 Wolfsnare Creek fuel spill.

Specialists from the Environmental Protection Agency continue outside air monitoring twice daily at 38 locations around the response area. Portable sampling devices have been set at an additional 12 residential locations for 24-hour measuring. These devices take samples over 10-second intervals from a standard “breathing height” to ensure the most accurate readings and are checked regularly. The air quality readings continue to indicate near zero presence of fuel. Any remaining associated odor in the area is also diminishing.

Workers are moving forward with the Unified Command’s primary objectives: to contain and recover the spilled product as well as identify and protect sensitive environmental areas. Excavation operations are nearly complete aboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, which involved removing contaminated debris and vegetation as needed. Excavation of soil in the ditch along London Bridge Rd. commenced today to reduce the potential for any remaining contamination from affecting the wetlands.

Operations at the excavation location on London Bridge Rd. may require a single lane closure in the northbound direction. Please refer to the Virginia Beach city government and NAS Oceana Facebook pages for real-time updates at: www.facebook.com/cityofvabeach and www.facebook.com/navalairstationoceana