

Gamble Township Pipeline Release and Repair – Oct. 27 update

GAMBLE TOWNSHIP (October 27, 2016) -- Construction is underway to repair a Sunoco Logistics section of pipeline passing under Wallis Run at the confluence with Loyalsock Creek in Gamble Township, Lycoming County.

The pipeline was damaged by a bridge washout on October 21, releasing gasoline into Wallis Run and Loyalsock Creek.

Water monitoring on the Loyalsock Creek and the West Branch of the Susquehanna River continue to confirm safe drinking water supplies. Ongoing air monitoring continues to show no hazardous levels detected and no significant traces of gasoline have been found.

Sunoco Logistics will continue its air monitoring and water monitoring operations under the supervision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, PA Department of Environmental Protection and the Lycoming County Department of Safety.

Emergency repairs to the damaged pipeline will begin shortly in consultation with PennDOT and the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and will continue 24 hours, 7 days a week until completed.

Equipment needed for the Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) arrived today and is expected to be deployed shortly to replace the 500-foot section of pipe. The HDD method uses bentonite -- a natural, non-toxic, gray mud -- to keep the drill running smoothly. The drilling technique will allow the new pipeline to be placed approximately 25-feet under the streambed of Wallis Run.

Repairs are expected to take approximately two weeks. During that time, some noise is to be expected near construction zones.

Neighbors with any questions regarding repair work, including noise and/or vibrations, may contact Sunoco Logistics at **1-800-759-5644**.

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