

Note they dwell on the cost of the oil factor. I wish someone would tell the Reporter that oil cost does NOT seem to be a factor in increasing petroleum safety!
-Mike H.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY - 130,000 gallons of oil spilled into a river in a rural area of northern Montgomery County.

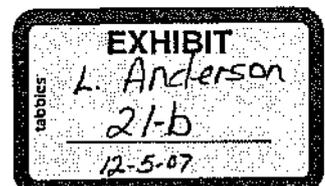
Engineers at Kinder Morgan, the company that owns the pipeline, say they are still investigating the cause.

"The pipe itself is still under oil so we've not actually been able to recover enough oil to be down to where the pipe is at," says Operations Director at Kinder Morgan Dean Dick. "We'll be using vacuum trucks to recover that oil and to put it into tanker trucks that we then haul back to one of our stations."

Enduring the rain, clean up crews began to clear out nearly 3,200 barrels of spilled oil. Although the liquid oil clean up may last only a week, removing the remaining oil residue can take up to two years.

Oil spills don't only have a harsh affect on the environment, the pocketbook may also feel some pressure. With oil at more than \$76 per barrel, the overall cost of the spill can reach more than \$245,000.

Kinder Morgan reassures residents of Montgomery County that no more oil is flowing through the pipeline. But that's little comfort for cleanup crews who face a monumental cleanup effort.



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