

EMERGENCY RESPONSE
NORTHWEST DISTRICT OFFICE
MARCH 2008

HIGHLIGHTS

Emergency Responses

Spill# : 0803-48-1172 Sun Pipeline Release, Lucas County

On 03/18/2008, NWDO ER responded to the report of an oil sheen on Otter Creek, Oregon, Lucas County. The report was made by the local fire department requesting assistance to locate the source. After preliminary investigation, it was found that the sheen was originating from a storm sewer draining CSX railroad property; however, further investigation revealed that approximately a half a mile upgradient, a Sun Oil pipeline was leaking. The pipeline had been transporting a "light oil", and it was estimated that 250 barrels of the material had been released. Sun Oil immediately took responsibility and began containment of the product in Otter Creek, and removal of the source product. The cleanup is currently ongoing. Significant media attention was handled by PIC.

