

1. HIGHLIGHTS**A. SPILL HIGHLIGHTS**

0804-50-1880: On April 24, 2008, the Northeast District Office Emergency Response Section was notified of a release of 400 gallons of crude oil from a storage tank. The oil was reported to have impacted a small wetland but was contained to the immediate area around the tank. The investigation found that the release involved over 3,000 gallons of oil and severely impacted over $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of creek, one surface water body and two wetlands. The release was a result of a maintenance failure of the tank and a very isolated thunderstorm dumping a copious volume of rain on the area driving the oil out of the dike. Part of the remediation process involved in-situ thermal decomposition of the oil in remote areas. A large portion of the impacted property is owned by the local school district and is used as an outdoor eco-lab. The spill was used as an opportunity to give a select group of the high school students a firsthand view of an environmental situation and response action.