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Ongoing Oil Spill Cleanup

EPA is working in the town of Bangor to address a release of oil in the storm sewer system. The oil is running through the storm sewers in town and discharging into Martins Creek at Pennsylvania Avenue and 1st Street.

Currently the source is unknown. EPA, state, county, and local officials are investigating the release to the creek and examining potential sources.

EPA placed containment booms upstream and downstream of the release. Booms, pictured right, are floating, physical barriers to contain and slow the spread of oil. All contaminated materials are being stockpiled for future off-site disposal.

Please see contacts on the back of this fact sheet for questions or concerns.



An image of containment booms placed in Martins Creek.



An image of the drill rig that EPA will use at the site to collect samples.



What to Expect

- You may see EPA personnel opening manholes to collect samples and conduct visual assessments.
- EPA will also have a drill rig, pictured left, to collect soil samples. The holes created to collect the soil sample will be repaired.
- Some roads may periodically be closed during the source investigation.

If you notice unusual odors in the area, sheen in water, or suspicious activity near manholes or sewer grates, please reach out to any of the EPA, county, or borough contacts on the back of this fact sheet.

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Attn: Katie Page, CIC

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Penalty for Private Use, \$300*

Address Service Requested



For More Information

Visit the Bangor Borough Facebook page for up-to-date information regarding road closures. You can access the page with the following URL, www.facebook.com/bangorborough/, or by scanning the QR Code with a smartphone.

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