

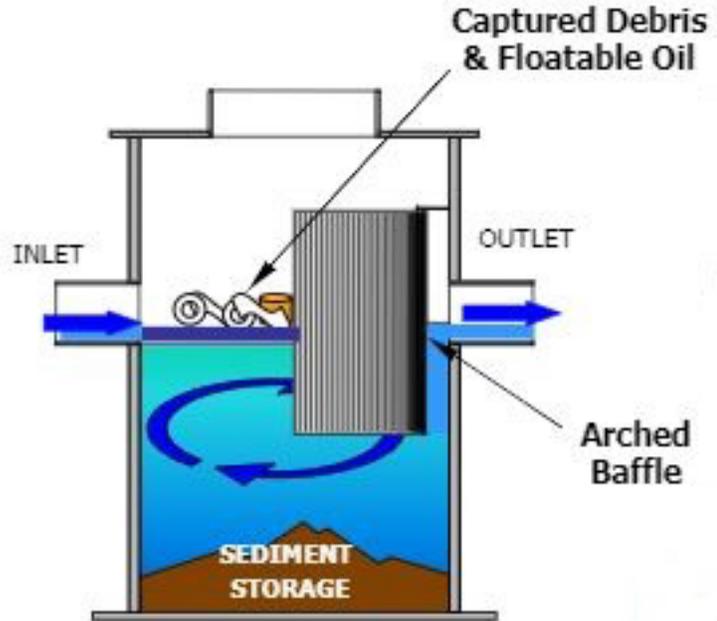


Ongoing Oil Spill Cleanup

EPA continues to work 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. The source is currently unknown. EPA, state, county, and local officials continue to investigate the release to the creek by examining potential sources and plan to use geophysical surveys, which may include magnetic and electromagnetic surveys, and subsurface mapping to help identify and locate the source of the oil.

EPA continues to replace oiled containment boom in the waterways with clean boom. Boom are floating, physical barriers to contain and slow the spread of oil. All oiled materials are being stockpiled for future off-site disposal.

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



The image above shows the interior cross section of an Aqua-Swirl™ Oil/Water Separator that will be installed in the storm water collection system in Bangor. Image credit: AquaShield™



Legend

- Road Closure
- Construction Zone

Upcoming Road Closures

EPA and partnering agencies will begin to install an Oil/Water Separator in the storm water collection system starting September 7. Road closures will begin along 1st Avenue and 6th Street, as seen in the map to the left. The work is expected to take place for approximately 2-3 weeks.

There will also be signs posted in the affected areas to notify community members of the upcoming road closures.



Health Related FAQs

Below are some frequently asked questions and answers related to human health and environmental risks associated with the site.

- **What are the factors that determine if there will be negative health impacts after being exposed to hazardous chemicals, such as fuel oils?**
 - Some factors that will determine if there could be negative health impacts from exposure to hazardous chemicals, like fuel oils, are: How much exposure, how long of an exposure, the pathway of the exposure (breathing, eating, drinking, skin contact), any additional chemicals that were present in the exposure, and individual characteristics (age, sex, family traits, lifestyle, state of health).
- **Is my well water safe to drink?**
 - It is likely that private well water is safe to drink. However, if you notice changes in color, odor, or taste, please contact EPA.
- **If children swim in the creek, will they have a risk for cancer?**
 - Health experts do not expect cancer to result from exposure to fuel oil while swimming in the creek. If there is sheen or strong vapors coming from the creek, please refrain from swimming in the creek.
- **Could there be negative health impacts from the fish people ate from the creek?**
 - The PA Fish and Boat Commission has posted “fishing prohibited” signs in the area and have collected fish tissue samples. These samples will be reviewed with a public health lens.

For More Information

Visit the EPA Bangor Oil Spill Response webpage for up-to-date information and photos from the site. You can access the page with the following URL, response.epa.gov/BangorOilSpill, or by scanning the QR Code with a smartphone.



If you have immediate concerns regarding potential risks at the site, please contact Dr. Karl Markiewicz, Senior Toxicologist from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, an arm of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at kvm4@cdc.gov.

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