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Monitoring the oil/water separator

EPA completed installation of an Aqua-Swirl™ oil/water separator (OWS) during the week of September 27 at the Bangor Oil Spill Site. The OWS went into effect immediately after installation and is filtering out oil from the storm water collection system. EPA will continue to monitor the amount of oil collected in the OWS through late December. There is a limited amount of sorbent boom in the creek, along with a 55-gallon drum on-site to contain any soiled boom or debris. It is important to note that the amount of oil collected is decreasing over time and there is no visible oil in the creek. The source investigation for the origin of the oil has been halted due to the lack of oil accumulation in the collection system.

If there is no significant oil accumulation throughout December, EPA will speak to the township to determine if the OWS should be bypassed or remain active. Should the need arise, the OWS can be easily reintroduced into the system if the township decides to bypass it at the end of the month.



The above photo shows an absorbent pad that is used to the extent of oil sheen accumulation in the OWS.

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 at: response.epa.gov/BangorOilSpill or by scanning the QR Code.



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