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Silvertip Pipeline Incident

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CDFG – OSPR Involvement

5 Technical / Scientific Advisors

- Command
- Environmental Unit
- SCAT
- Operations
- Pipeline
CDFG – OSPR Goals

• Ensure the State of Montana’s concerns and interests were addressed
• Increase Montana’s participation in the Unified Command
• Advise the state on the best utilization of their resources in the ICS
Facts

- The Silvertip pipeline was buried about 5 feet to 7 feet under the Yellowstone River
- Yellowstone River watershed experienced near-record floodwaters in July
- Floodwaters spilled over banks and onto farmlands
Command Advisor

- Shadowed MT-DEQ Unofficial State On-Scene Commander (SOSC)
- Attended key meetings
- Advised SOSC on the nuances of documenting key state objectives in the Incident Action Plan
- Developed press discussion points for the SOSC and Governor Schweitzer
Environmental Advisor

• Attended and represented state interests in key meetings
• Reviewed environmental response documents
• Coordination with RP to address historical, cultural, & archaeological resources
• Address request from federal agencies to address wildlife response and NRDA
SCAT Advisor

• Attended and represented state interests in key meetings
• Trained state SCAT team member
Operations Advisor

• Attended and represented state interests in key meetings

• Monitor inefficiencies and mis-communications in the Planning Section to cleanup implementation of the Operations Section
Pipeline Advisor

• Quantify the amount of oil released into the environment

• Determine the duration of the release

• Review Waste Disposal Plan and recommend appropriate number of sampling prior to removing off-site

• Monitor the removal and installation of the damages and new pipeline
Recovery and Results

- 1,509 bbls spilled / 10bbls recovered
- $1.6 million in penalties
- Creation of Oil Pipeline Safety Council
- ICS training for Montana DEQ and other supporting agencies
- Establish drills and exercise with industry