



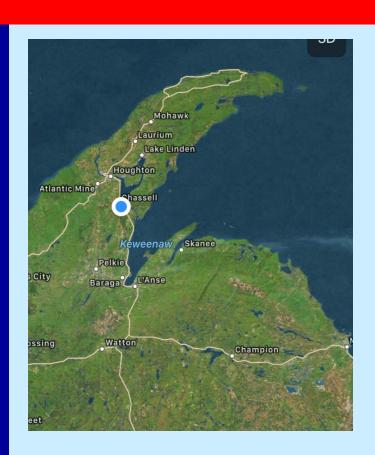
February 3, 2018 Chassell, Houghton County, MI

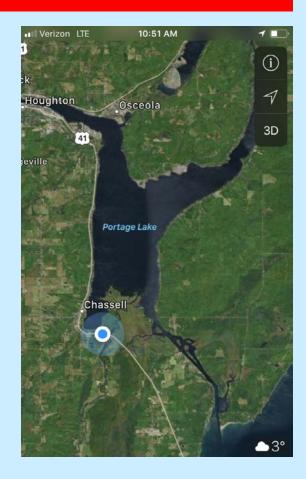






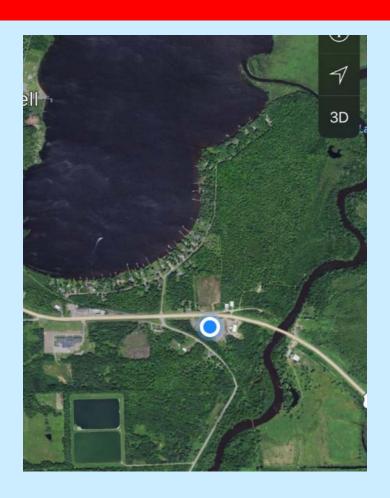
### **Spill Location**







### **Immediate Community**





#### **Sturgeon River**

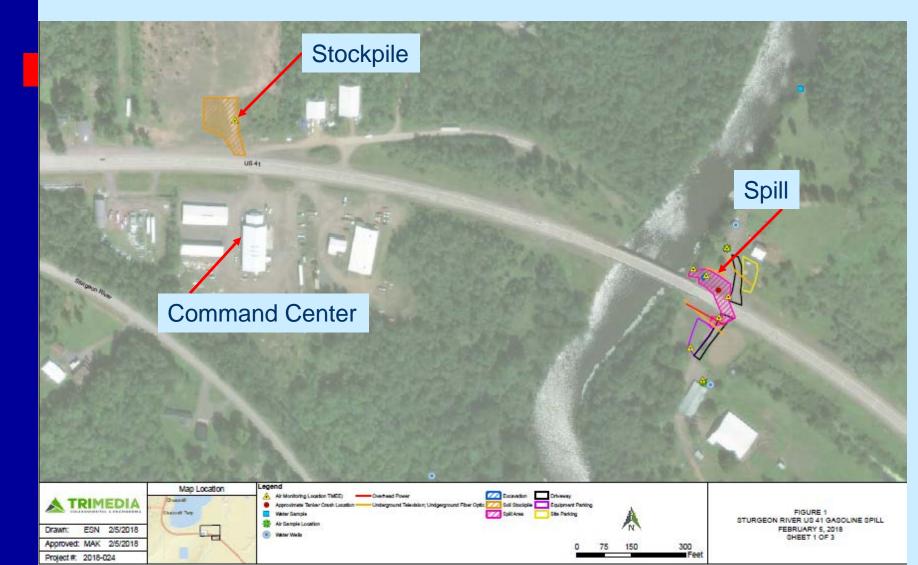
- Traffic accident on US-41
- 4,000 gallons of gasoline and 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel
  - Roadway
  - Embankments
  - Surface of river
- River covered with ice and snow





#### **Site Features**

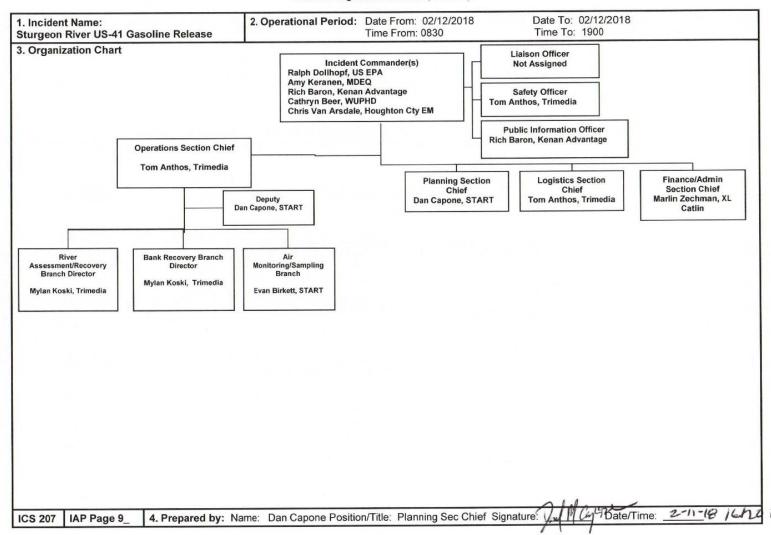






#### **Response Organization**

Incident Organization Chart (ICS 207)





1. Incident Name:

Sturgeon River US-41 Gasoline Spill

2. Operational Period: Starting: February 11, 2018, 0830 End: February 11, 2018, 1900 IAP Cover Sheet

3. Approved by Incident Commander(s):

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#### Incident Action Plan

The items below are included in this Incident Action Plan:

- ICS 202 (Response Objectives)
- . ICS 203 (Organization Assignment List)
- ICS 204 (Assignment List)
- . ICS 207 (Organization Chart)



7. Prepared by: Name: Dan Capone Position/Title: Planning Section Chief Signature:

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#### **Unified Command Objectives**

- Protect public safety
- Protect worker safety
- Remove product spilled onto the land
- Recover product from the river ice
- Assess potential downriver impacts
- Reopen all lanes of US-41

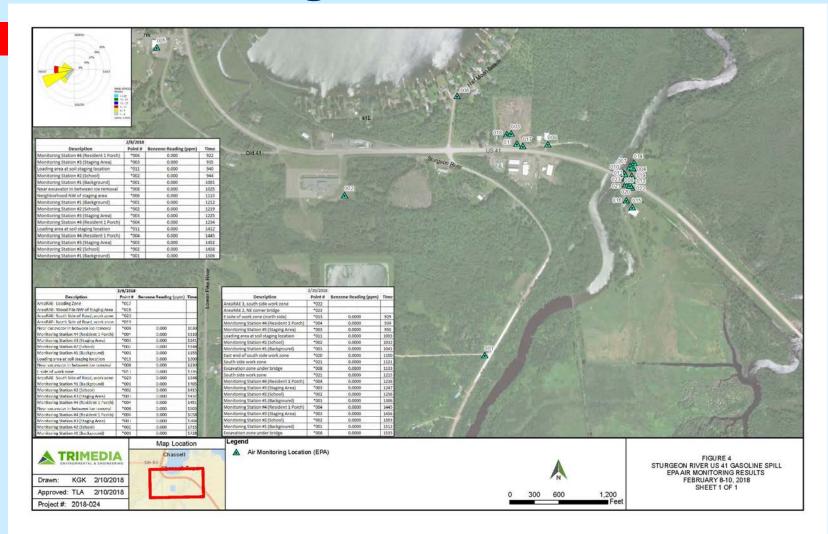


## **Air Monitoring**





### Air Monitoring – START





# **Initial On-Land Recovery**





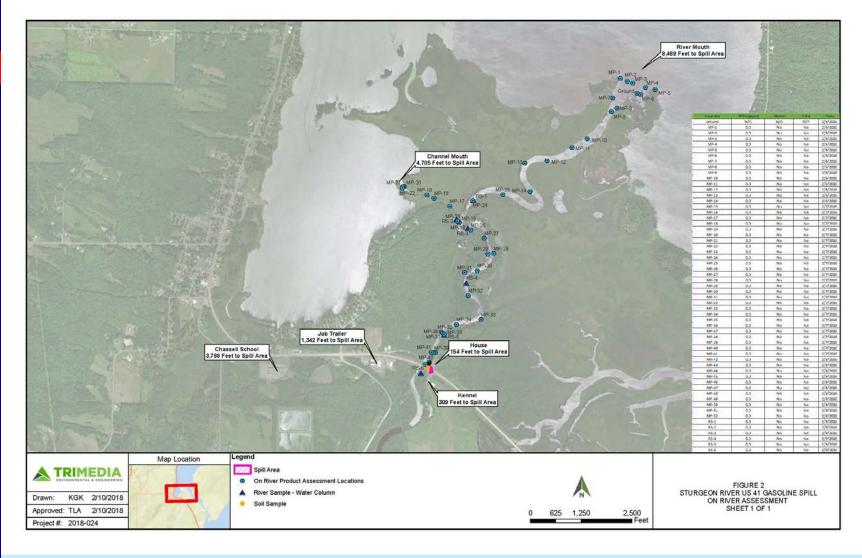






#### **Under Ice Assessment**







#### **Assessment Team**



# Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Techniques (SCAT)



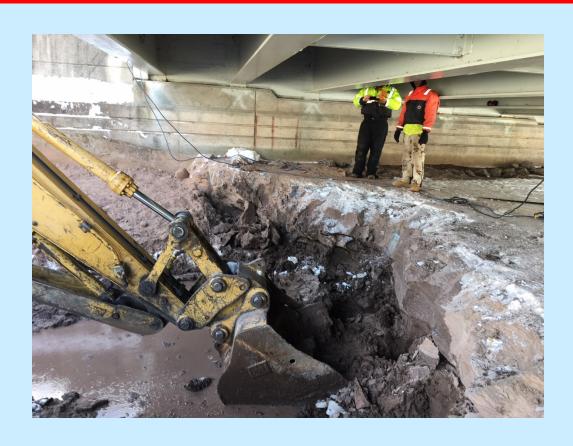
- Visual
- Real-Time VOC Readings
- Laboratory Analysis



# **On-Bank Recovery-North Side**

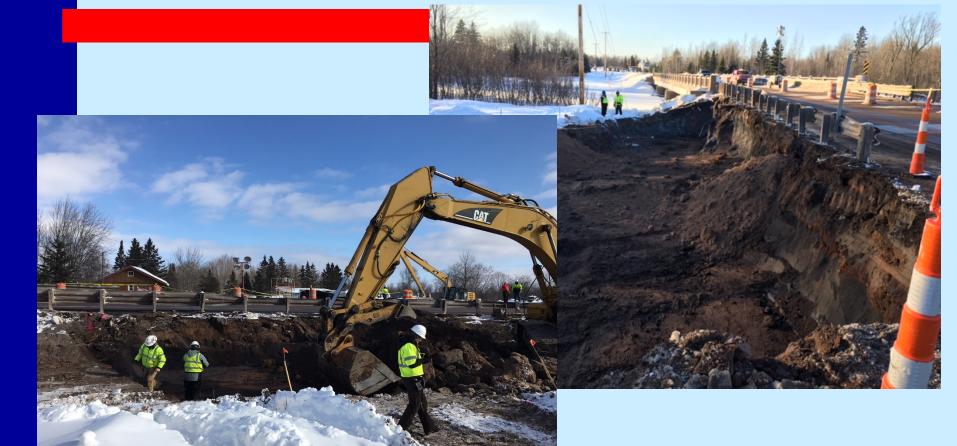


# **On-Bank Recovery-Under Bridge**





## **On-Bank Recovery-South Side**





#### **Transportation and Disposal**



- Media Removed
  - 6,200 tons of soil to landfill
  - 9,300 gallonsof liquids



# **Guardrail Replacement**





#### **Containment Measures**



- Long-Term Boom
- Recovery Well
- Sheet Piling
- Agitator
   System to
   Prevent Ice
   Buildup

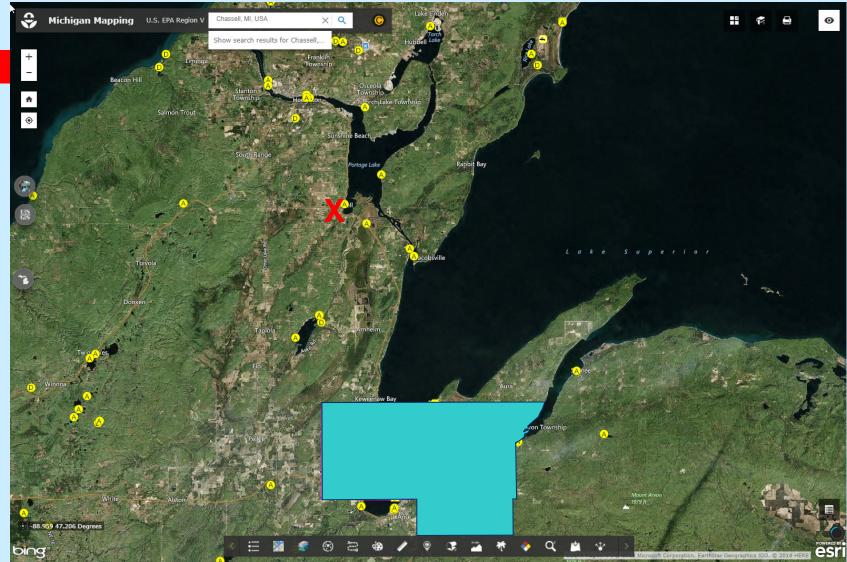


#### Restoration











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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To: Local Media

From: Western U.P. Health Department

Subject: Sturgeon River-U.S. 41 Gasoline Spill

Date: Feb. 6, 2018

#### Cleanup Continues at Sturgeon River Accident

Local, state, and federal officials and private contractors are coordinating cleanup and environmental monitoring at the Sturgeon River Bridge on US 41 south of Chassell, site of last Saturday's four-vehicle accident.

Cleanup crews are removing soil and snow impacted by the gasoline and diesel fuel release.

Air quality monitoring and sampling has been conducted under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the immediate area and adjacent homes.

Air quality monitoring also is being done near stockpiled snow and soil to verify that there are no immediate health and safety concerns for the community and workers.

Arrangements are being made to transport impacted materials off site for disposal so that the area can be backfilled and guardrail replaced.

The health department also received the following statement from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):

"The DEQ has evaluated all municipal drinking water intakes in the vicinity and none are threatened by the release of petroleum products from the accident on US-41 near the Sturgeon River



#### **Media Coverage**

#### EPA assessing impact of Chassell gas spill on Sturgeon River



By Mariah Powell | Posted: Mon 4:19 PM, Feb 05, 2018 | Updated: Mon 10:12 PM, Feb 05, 2018

CHASSELL, Mich. (WLUC) - Multiple entities are still at work cleaning up a gas spill south of Chassell after Saturday's fatal crash. Crews are working to assess and clean up more than four thousand gallons of gasoline. The gas spilled during a fatal 4-vehicle accident at the bridge over the Sturgeon River on US-41 in Chassell. Gas leeched onto the road, into the snow and soil along the banks of the river and possibly into the river itself.

"(Cleanup is) kind of a slow process and we think that is going to take us probably two to three more days before we get things all back to normal," said EPA on-site coordinator Ralph Dollhopf.

Multiple agencies worked together to remove several feet of contaminated snow and dirt from the site. There is concern gas leeched into the river as well.

"As you know, the Sturgeon River is frozen it is covered in several feet of snow. We need to find a way to carefully get out there and figure out where the gasoline is and, if we find it, whether it is recoverable or not," said Dollhopf.

Finding and removing gas from the river could last into the spring thaw. Crews are monitoring immediate impacts on local air and water quality.

"We are coordinating closely with the DEQ and the local health agency to make sure that there is no potential for impact to drinking water supplies, whether private wells or public drinking water supplies. We don't think there is," said Dollhopf.

#### The Daily Mining Gazette

#### Fuel spill contained in Chassell Township



Garrett Neese/Daily Mining Gazette Crews remove contaminated soil from the site of a Feb. 3 fuel spill in Chassell Township Friday. Booms placed on the Sturgeon River were successful in preventing the spill from spreading beyond the immediate area of the crash, the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department said.

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP — Thanks to quick action, the fuel spill in Chassell Township was contained to the area near the Sturgeon River Bridge.