

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
LAND AND MATERIALS ADMINISTRATION – OIL CONTROL PROGRAM**

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**Report of Observations**

<b>Date</b>	5/7/26	<b>Facility ID</b>	7874
<b>Type of Inspection / Observations</b>	Spill Investigation	<b>Case #</b>	26-0420PG
<b>Site / Facility Name</b>	Andrews Air Force Base	<b>Permit #</b>	
<b>Address</b>	████████████████████ AFB	<b>MDEnviroScreen<sup>1</sup></b>	31.1
<b>Point of Contact (POC)</b>	██████████	<b>POC Phone</b>	██████████
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**Remarks**

Regional inspector Michael Jester and Christopher Walker are following up on open case No.: 26-0420PG. The case was opened after fuel odors and a slight rainbow sheen were observed near an outfall into Piscataway Creek at the ██████████ of the base on 3/23/26. The facility is part of the public water system.

On this date, inspectors met with ██████████ and ██████████ of JBA. ██████████ showed inspectors a map which laid out the ██████████ fuel hydrant system and all associated isolation valves. ██████████ stated that each of the ██████████ hydrant rows can be isolated from the main trunk line and tested independently. The supply line can be tested from the pump house ██████████ and broken into the following segments Valve ██████████, Valve ██████████, Valve ██████████ and valve ██████████. The return line can only be tested from the pump house valve ██████████ to valve ██████████. ██████████ also stated that the entire hydrant system can be precision tightness tested in one test if all valves were left open to include the supply and return lines along with all ██████████ rows.

██████████ was able to show inspectors ██████████ sections of the hydrant loop which failed the 3/30/26 precision tightness testing. ██████████ stated that during the testing of the pipeline between isolation valves ██████████ and ██████████, fuel was visibly observed by passing valve ██████████ through an observation port on the valve housing. ██████████ stated that all fuel that by passed the valve was contained inside of the valve housing and no product was released into the pump house. ██████████ stated that this should clarify the tester's comments on the 4/3/26 HCNA Test Report. ██████████ stated that isolation valves ██████████ were replaced following the failed precision tightness test, valve ██████████ because of the visual failure and valve ██████████ because of preventative maintenance. ██████████ stated that the facility is now awaiting permission from MDE to retest the failed section of the pipeline between isolation valves ██████████ to determine if the faulty valve was the only issue that caused the 3/30/26 test failure.

██████████ stated that EA-Baker Partners Joint Venture were onsite yesterday to investigate the Probes or "test ports" for the leak location testing that was proposed by JBA on 5/4/26 and subsequently approved by MDE on 5/6/26 to investigate the point of failure in Row ██████████. ██████████ stated that the initial results of the visit indicate that the existing test ports were all in good condition and could be used for the testing. However, there was a section of row ██████████ that did not have any test ports present, and they would need to be installed prior to performing the testing. ██████████ is awaiting a final report from EA-Baker Partners Joint Venture.

1 – MDEnviroScreen is not available at present.  
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██████████ showed inspectors the Isolation Valve Pit for Row ██████████ while onsite. Inspectors visually confirmed that both isolation valves that isolate Row ██████████ from the supply trunkline were closed and locked this date.

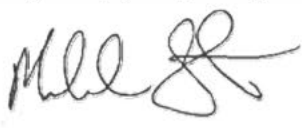

██████████ then escorted inspectors to the storm drain outfall where members of Clean Harbors were using a vac truck to skim free product off the surface waters of Piscataway Creek. ██████████ then showed inspectors the underflow dam and spill containment areas on Piscataway Creek ██████████. The inspectors observed petroleum booms located on the outlet on the ██████████. The booms did not appear to be saturated with petroleum but had red/orange organic staining. No sheen or petroleum odors were observed at ██████████ containment location.

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**Photographs Taken:** Yes  No

**NOTES**

- Report the following conditions to the Department immediately, but not later than 2 hours after the detection, at **410-537-3442** during normal business hours, or to the Emergency Response Division hotline at **1-866-633-4686**:
  - Evidence of a spill, release, or discharge of oil;
  - A release detection method, monitoring results, or investigation of an alarm indicates that a spill, release, or discharge may have occurred;
  - Investigation of an inventory variation reveals a leak;
  - If a storage tank system fails a test for tightness,;
  - Two consecutive inconclusive precision tightness test results;
  - A storage system (aboveground or underground) is determined to be leaking;
  - Test failure of spill catchment basins, containment sumps, or test of a cathodic protection resulting determination the system is inadequate;
  - Presence of liquid phase hydrocarbons; absorbed or free product in soil; vapors in soil, basement, sewer or utility line; or waters of the State;
  - Unusual operating conditions exist, such as erratic behavior of product dispensing equipment, the sudden loss of a regulated substance from a storage tank system, unexplained presence of water in a storage tank, or liquid in the interstitial space of a secondary containment system.
  
- Reports should **not** be made via voice messages to OCP case managers.
  
- Operating without a permit or in violation of a permit, regulation, or law may result in the assessment of civil or administrative penalties and or other legal sanctions.

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