

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

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Report of Observations

Date	July 8, 2026	Facility ID	7874
Type of Inspection / Observations	Post-Rainfall Observation	Case #	2026-0420-PG
Site / Facility Name	Joint Base Andrews – [REDACTED] Fuel Hydrant Loop Release	Permit #	2022-OPT-5217 24OGR-1768
Address	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	MDEnviroScreen	31.1
Point of Contact (POC)	[REDACTED]	POC Phone	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
POC Email	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	POC Fax	-

Remarks: On July 8, 2026, Maryland's Department of the Environment (MDE) Oil Control Program (OCP) Remediation Division case manager Chris King met with [REDACTED] of the Joint Base Andrews (JBA) team to view portions of the stormwater drainage system and Piscataway Creek following a rainfall event on July 4, 2026. MDE was escorted by JBA personnel throughout the site visit.

OCP Geologist Chris King observed Piscataway Creek to the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] with JBA and Clean Harbors personnel. Upon arrival, Clean Harbors personnel were completing the repair of the first underflow dam, which partially collapsed after the rainfall on July 4. The second downstream underflow dam remained collapsed during the site visit and was scheduled for repair by the end of the day by Clean Harbors. Hard and soft absorbent booms were observed across the Creek and reportedly remained in place during the rainfall. Soft booms were replaced in the presence of OCP personnel during the site visit. Neither petroleum odors or petroleum sheen were observed in this area.

OCP and JBA personnel viewed Piscataway Creek near the perimeter fencing following the completion of a construction project. The southern-most soft boom containment was no longer visible to the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. JBA personnel will install soft absorbent boom containment on Piscataway Creek on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] based on the absence of petroleum odors or sheen during the site visit and the completion of the construction project.

OCP was escorted to the outfall to Piscataway Creek. According to Clean Harbors personnel, only one hard containment boom failed near the outfall following the rain event on July 4. The boom was reinstalled prior to OCP's site visit on this date. Petroleum odors were not present at the time of the site visit. A petroleum sheen was visible between the outfall and the first downstream hard containment boom. A soft boom stationed approximately 10 feet from the outfall contained petroleum sheen, suspected petroleum mousse, and iron floc. Clean Harbors personnel were to perform a vacuum truck recovery event on this date.

Locations [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were inspected by OCP and JBA personnel. Absorbent booms were recently replaced in locations [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which contained petroleum absorption. Only Location [REDACTED] exhibited petroleum odors and sheen during the site visit. OCP also noted that Location [REDACTED] was deeper compared to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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Photographs Taken: Yes ☒ No ☐

NOTES

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 - Test failure of spill catchment basins, containment sumps, or test of a cathodic protection resulting determination the system is inadequate;
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Person Interviewed (print): 

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