

500 Gallon Crude Oil Release Reportedly Due to  
High Pressure Water Injection  
Nichols Run Road, Allegany, NY 14706  
Spill #: 0275187


















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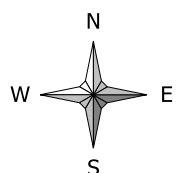
Nichols Run Road

Nichols Run Ho-216

Nichols Run Hw-219

-  Town Boundary
-  G&O Wells - Confidential
-  G&O Wells - Dry Hole
-  G&O Wells - Natural Gas AppPerm
-  G&O Wells - Natural Gas Drilled
-  G&O Wells - Natural Gas Plugged
-  G&O Wells - Not Drilled
-  G&O Wells - Oil Drilled
-  G&O Wells - Oil Plugged
-  G&O Wells - Other AppPerm
-  G&O Wells - Other Drilled
-  G&O Wells - Other Plugged
-  G&O Wells - Solution Brine Drilled
-  G&O Wells - Solution Brine Plugged
-  G&O Wells - Storage Drilled
-  G&O Wells - Storage Plugged
-  Injection Well

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**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS INFORMATION REQUEST**

**CRUDE OIL POOL**  
**NICHOLS RUN ROAD**

**ALLEGANY, NY** NO ZIP PROVIDED

**Spill Number: 0275187**

**Close Date: 01/24/2003**

ADDRESS CHANGE INFORMATION  
Revised street: NICHOLS RUN RD  
Revised zip code: 14706

Source of Spill: COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL  
Notifier Type: DEC  
Caller Name: AL ALEXANDER  
DEC Investigator: MXFRANKS

Spiller: STEVE SHERK – AMERICAN REFINING  
Notifier Name:  
Caller Agency: NYSDEC  
Contact for more spill info: TOM DEFIBAUGH

Spiller Phone: (814) 368-1200  
Notifier Phone:  
Caller Phone: (716) 372-0645  
Contact Person Phone: (814) 362-5447

Category: Known or probable release, where, without action, there is a potential for a fire/explosion hazard (indoors or outdoors), contamination of drinking water supplies, or significant release to surface waters.  
Class: Willing RP – DEC Field Response – Corrective Action Initiated, Taken Over, or Completed by RP or Other Agency

Spill Date	Date Cleanup Ceased	Cause of Spill	Meets Cleanup Standards		Penalty Recommended	
07/01/2002		UNKNOWN	YES		NO	
Material Spilled	Material Class	Quantity Spilled	Units	Quantity Recovered	Units	Resource(s) Affected
CRUDE OIL	PETROLEUM	500.00	GALLONS	0.00	GALLONS	GROUNDWATER

Caller Remarks:

**POOL OF CRUDE OIL COMING OUT OF THE GROUND AT THE SIDE OF A HILL ON BDH LEASE. LAND OWNED BY AMERICAN REFINING. SPILL IS BETWEEN WELLS HO-216 & 219.**

DEC Investigator Remarks:

Prior to Sept, 2004 data translation this spill Lead\_DEC Field was "MF"  
07/02/02: MF S//AL ALEXANDER, MINERALS, DON PLEAKIS, ECO/TOM DEFIBAUGH, BDH OIL. WHILE INSPECTING ANOTHER SPILL WAS SHOWN THIS SPILL. **CRUDE OIL & BRINE FLOWING INTO A POND ON THE SIDE OF A HILL AT 3 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. NO PIPING OR LEAKING WELLS IN THE AREA. MEETING WITH CHRIS MILLER, PROBLEM MAY BE INJECTION WELLS CAUSING WELL LIQUID TO BE RELEASED FROM AN ABANDON WELL.** AMERICAN REFINING OWNS PROPERTY.

07/03/02: MF T/C STEVE SHERK, LEFT MESSAGE TO CALL ME.

07/05/02: MF T/C STEVE SHERK, TOLD HIM OF THE PROBLEM. THEY MAY HAVE BOUGHT PROPERTY FORM WITCO. TOLD HIM WE HAVE AMERICAN

REFINING LISTED AS THE PROPERTY OWNER & AS SUCH A PRP. HE WILL CHECK INTO OWNERSHIP & WHO HAS ROYALTY RITES. TOLD HIM FOR NOW TO KEEP PRODUCT FROM GETTING OFF PONDING AREA.

08/06/02: MF T/C STEVE SHERK, LEFT MESSAGE TO CALL ME.

08/07/02: MF T/C STEVE SHERK, AMERICAN BIOCHEMICAL, SUITE 215, 100 FOUR FALLS CORP CENTER, WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428, IS THE LAND OWNER & THEY OWN AMERICAN REFINING. LAWYER IS JOE LUCIANA, 412-355-8982. T/C JOE LUCIANA, LEFT MESSAGE.

08/08/02: MF T/C/JOE LUCIANA, 412-612-8776. ASKED FOR DIVISION ORDERS. HE WILL CHECK INTO IT.

08/10/02: MF LETTER TO AM REFINING, REQUESTING DIVISION ORDERS BY 8/30/02.

08/22/02: MF T/C HARVEY GOLUBOCK, ARG. HE DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFO TO GIVE HE WILL TRY AGAIN. GENE CORNELIUS, MANAGER OF CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION. DAVE MANN DOES DIVISION ORDERS 814-368-1320. HE WILL HAVE DAVE CALL ME.

10/02/02: MF S//CHRIS MILLER, JIM RUSINSKI, MINERALS/TOM SCOTT, BRUCE HAMMEL, DON PLEAKIS, GARY BOBSINE, ECO'S/JOE BOUCHER, TOM DIFEBAUGH, BDH OIL. LOOKED OVER OIL POOL AREA. CHRIS THINKS THE SEEP IS DUE TO THE HIGH PRESSURE WATER INJECTION. WATER IS FORCING OIL OUT OF AN ABANDON OIL WELL. MINERALS WILL TAKE THE LEAD.

01/23/03: MF T/C CHRIS MILLER, MINERALS. THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR THE SOURCE WITH BDH OIL. NOTHING AS YEY, THEY WILL KEEP AT IT.

01/24/03: MF E-MAIL TO MINERALS, OUR SPILL FILE WILL BE CLOSED.