

**NEW JERSEY  
DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION,  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM**

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# MISSION

- COORDINATE ALL DEPARTMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING
- STAFF STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
- ALL HAZARDS EMERGENCY RESPONSE (Primarily Haz-Mat)
- MANAGE NJDEP EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
- MANAGE NJDEP COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
- MANAGE NJDEP Munitions & Explosives of Concern Program

# **NJDEP COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

**Operators at Dispatch are on duty 24/7/365 to take reports from the public**

**A new APP has been developed for reporting incidents to Dispatch with a smartphone**

**The APP is called WARN NJDEP and it's available for free in the Google Play Store**

**This APP is NOT for reporting emergencies, but photos can be uploaded directly from your phone to accompany the report**

**Reports can be made anonymously**



# 2017

- 1,120 DEPLOYMENTS
- 129,328 NOTIFICATIONS
- 37,402 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE NOTIFICATIONS(INCLUDES PETROLEUM PRODUCTS)

# INLAND ACP UPDATE

## JOINT INITIATIVE WITH USEPA REG 2

- Rail Crossings:
- Potential Impacts to Critical Infrastructure:



5/12/18

# GALAXIE CHEMICAL ABANDONED DRUMS



# RESPONSE TO A VAGRANT'S COOKING FIRE BROUGHT GALAXIE TO OUR ATTENTION



# BAYONNE SEWAGE DISCHARGE

**A 24" sewage force main  
ruptured in the early  
morning hours of Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.**





**Raw sewerage discharged directly into the Kill Van Kull for about 18 hours before the repairs were made to the pipe.**

**Timely notifications were not made to the DEP and the case was referred for enforcement action**



# **OIL IN LAKE HOPATCONG**

**On Feb 4, 2018, a man jogging in Jefferson Twp., Morris County called our hotline and reported seeing and smelling diesel fuel near the shore of Lake Hopatcong.**

**The lake was frozen over.**

**The source of the fuel and the amount of the spill was unknown.**

**DEP responders investigated and located a potential source at a nearby trucking/contracting company.**

**They admitted having a spill from an above ground fuel tank 2 weeks earlier.**

**They scraped up contaminated gravel in their parking lot and put down clean gravel.**





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**The RP had installed a sump in the parking lot to keep his property well drained**

**The result was a direct pathway for the spilled diesel to enter a drainage creek that discharges to the lake.**



**Contractors had to break up heavy ice to locate the extent of the contamination.**

**Booms were placed for containment and recovery work began.**

**The investigation at the source continued**



**Contaminated ice was removed and the shoreline was remediated daily.**

**Contaminated sorbents were changed out every day.**

**Constant thawing and refreezing made remedial work very challenging.**



**Over the course of 3 weeks, the footprint of the containment was shrunk until no free product remained.**

**Boom remains in place to contain sheen as oil works its way out of the shoreline.**

**Landside site work continues as the soils are remediated under state and local supervision.**



# **JERSEY CITY ABANDONED TRAILER**

**On February 13<sup>th</sup>,  
BER received notice  
of a trailer  
abandoned on city  
property**





**It was found to contain numerous drums and containers of chemicals including epoxy resins and hardeners and well as surfactants and other hazardous substances.**

**Through our partnership with the NJ Division of Criminal Justice, illegal dumping cases are assigned to a detective for investigation**

**Emergency Response disposed of the chemicals. The trailer was left for the city to dispose of**

**This case remains under investigation**



**9/30/16 - 3/15/18**  
**NEWPORT ASSOCIATES PSE&G/CON ED**  
**SUBMARINE DIELECTRIC FLUID LEAK IN THE**  
**HUDSON**



# NEWPORT MARINA DIELECTRIC FLUID SPILL 9/30/2016 - 3/15/18



**LONGEST NJDEP BUREAU OF EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE, SINCE THE M/V ATHOS  
( 1 YEAR 6 MONTHS)**





In October 2017, DEP Bureau of Emergency Response assisted the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife in removing two abandoned sailing vessels that were grounded on Wildlife Management Area property in Tuckerton, Ocean County. Funding was acquired via the natural resources program and BER used the emergency services contract to have a contractor remove, haul and dispose of the vessels. Cost: approx. \$10,000.



The removal operation was completed in one day; the vessels were capable of being re-floated and towed to a haul-out facility. The legal process to accomplish the removal took three months. Responsible parties for the vessels were identified and the Department will pursue cost recovery.

One of the vessels had been donated to a “charitable” organization that failed to re-register the vessel. It eventually was towed into a Tuckerton Marina by the USCG. Ultimately the marina cut the boat loose due to lack of slip payment. The other vessel was simply abandoned by its owner, who has been identified and cited by NJ Marine Police.

**MAY 30, 2018, AT 0835 HRS., A GASOLINE  
TANKER CARRYING 8500 GALLONS  
OVERTURNED ON ROUTE 1&9 SOUTH AT STILES  
ST. IN LINDEN/UNION COUNTY.**



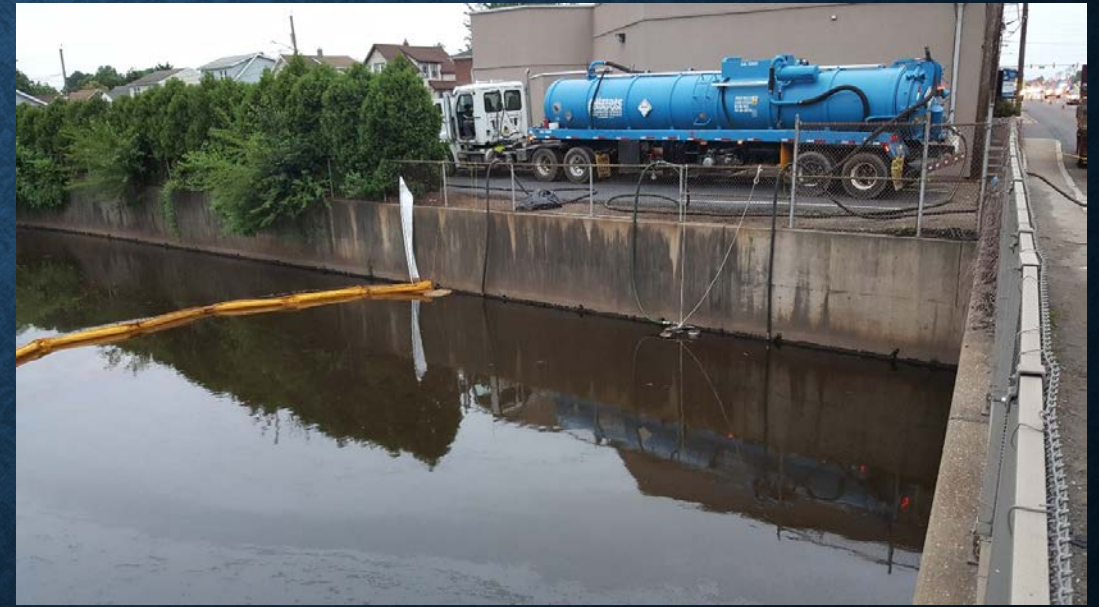
**THE TANKER LEAKED IT'S ENTIRE CONTENTS ONTO THE ROADWAY, INTO STORM DRAINS AND EVENTUALLY TO WEST BROOK (A TRIBUTARY OF MORSES CREEK). LINDEN FD, UNION HAZMAT & MIDDLESEX HAZMAT DID A GREAT JOB ON THE INITIAL CONTAINMENT**





**THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY WAS UNABLE TO ENGAGE A CONTRACTOR SO STATE FUNDS (\$160,000) WERE USED, THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTRACTOR WAS DEPLOYED TO THE SCENE 4 VAC TRUCKS WERE USED TO RECOVER POOLED GASOLINE ON THE ROADWAY AND IN WEST BROOK. SORBENT AND HARD CONTAINMENT BOOM WERE DEPLOYED IN THE BROOK.**

**UCHM, MCHM AND BER-N CONDUCTED AIR MONITORING FOR VOC AND LEL AT THE SCENE AND ROVING TO THE EAST OF THE SCENE IN THE AREA OF MOPSICK AVE AND GABLE LANE. SEVEN (7) PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED FROM THE CROWN INN MOTEL DUE TO ELEVATED VOC LEVELS.**



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