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## Re: Williams/Bargath 16" Pipeline release update

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Sun, Jan 20, 2019 at 3:30 PM

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January 20, 2019 field visit update:

- Operator has a pump on site to dewater the excavation. A transport truck hauled off the third load of fluids from the excavation during my field visit.
- Mats had been brought into the location to facilitate movement of heavy equipment in areas with subsurface pipelines.
- Operator indicated that the plan for today was to scrape and stockpile impacted soil from areas that had been sprayed with condensate by initial spill/release. Advised operator to implement BMPs to control storm water runoff from stockpiles of impacted soil.
- No visible sheen or hydrocarbon odors were observed at the Parachute Creek confluence area (i.e., where surface runoff from impacted areas had entered the creek). Photo below.
- Operator intends to stockpile impacted soils ~2.5 miles to a temporary storage yard operated by Williams/Bargath LLC.
- Visited intended storage location and advised operator to continue to work with COGCC to document waste disposal.

Booms located at confluence area of Parachute Creek.



Additional booms installed downstream from confluence area.



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On Sat, Jan 19, 2019 at 3:52 PM Arauza - DNR, Steven <[steven.arauza@state.co.us](mailto:steven.arauza@state.co.us)> wrote:

A brief update on the Williams/Bargath 16" Pipeline Release off of Co Rd 215 based on my field visit this afternoon:

- Operator has constructed an earthen berm west of the pipeline excavation with a trench on the downstream side to contain additional runoff from the impacted areas.
- Operator has constructed an earthen dam across Low Cost Ditch and is diverting upstream storm water from the ditch to prevent more water from filling the pipeline excavation.
- Pipeline excavation was filled with a mix of storm water and condensate when I arrived onsite at 12:30. Operator was working to reinforce the west side of the excavation wall to prevent release of fluids and to acquire a pump to dewater the excavation.
- Operator had dammed a storm water culvert east of the excavation to prevent additional storm water from running onto the impacted area. Operator was collecting samples to delineate impacted areas east of Co Rd 215.
- Operator had installed additional oil-skimming booms and absorbent pads throughout the area downstream of the impacts, including the area where storm water runoff enters Parachute Creek (confluence area--see photo below).
- Operator was working to scrape area between excavation and Co Rd 215 as well as a storm water runoff area ~400' SW of the excavated pipeline to remove impacted soil from the surface.
- Operator expressed plans to move impacted soil to one of their facilities down Co Rd 215. Operator was advised to coordinate waste transportation/disposal efforts with Alex Fischer.



I plan to revisit the spill area midday tomorrow and again on Monday.

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