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**OFFICIALS WORK HAZARDOUS SPILL IN DRY CREEK OFF OF
LOOP 463 IN VICTORIA COUNTY**

Local, state and federal officials are currently on the scene of a hazardous spill off of Loop 463 in Victoria County. Approximately 15,000 gallons of red diesel from a frack tank has entered the waterway into Dry Creek in the area around Old Goliad Road and Bob White Road. Authorities are on the scene assessing the extent of the damage.

“Preliminary findings are that there will be significant effects on wildlife and drinking water on both sides of Loop 463 in this area,” said Victoria City/County Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McBrayer.

Victoria County Judge Ben Zeller said, “Details are still being determined; however, it appears to be a significant environmental and public safety hazard. Local, state, and federal agencies are onsite at this time. We will update the community at a press briefing onsite [at 3 p.m.](#)”

Background: On [Sunday afternoon](#), a concerned citizen alerted the Victoria County Sheriff’s Office that there was diesel in Dry Creek. Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) were contacted and an investigation was opened into the matter. After authorities gained access to private property along Dry Creek, they confirmed that the spill was much larger than originally indicated. Atlas Oil, the company associated with the spill, is actively working on mitigation efforts with its private contractors.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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