

Radio Release

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The Thurston & Millersport Fire Departmenty assulted resprnd
to a Release of About 200 gallons of heating oil from
a ~~for~~ Residence home on Bickel Church Road. ~~10 total~~
The home owners oil tank had rusted out and the
oil flowed into his sump pump which pumped it to oil
outside, where it The oil was spread out in a drainage
ditch along the old Baltimore Canal for more than a mile
before and entered the Little Raccoon Creek. Ohio EPA
also responded and a cleanup contractor ~~was~~ ~~was~~ contractor.
to ~~also~~ capture the oil.

This will be a very expensive for the home owner
and anyone with oil or gasoline tanks ~~or~~ shall
check them to assure they won't leak.

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*Mike Dalton 771-7505
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March 24, 1994

Incident Report - Level II - Reported 15:05, Terminated 20:30

Oil Release in Northern Fairfield County 3/23/94

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Ohio EPA also responded. A cleanup contractor is working to capture as much of the oil as possible.

EPA estimated the cleanup to cost more than \$5,000. This cost is the responsibility of the homeowner. It was unknown last evening whether this is covered by his homeowners insurance.

Anyone with an oil or gas tank should check them periodically to assure they won't leak. And if they do leak, they should immediately call their fire department who can check the safety of their home and advise them of required clean up steps.

For additional details, refer to incident report 1276 at the Sheriff's department. The homeowner is Lowell Barnes, 467-2415.

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