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To: Tom Moe, Director
From: Scott Baker Hazardous Materials Coordinator
Subject: Gasoline Storage Tank Rupture/Release
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On Sunday Afternoon I received a call from the Sheriff's office requesting response to 4240 Logan-Thornville Road Rushville on a diesel fuel spill.

Upon arrival Richland Command informed me that the spill was gasoline instead of diesel. I also was informed that the fire department had dammed and diked what they could of the flow. It was rainy and overcast with a slight breeze and temps in the mid to upper 50's.

Upon inspection I found that a 300-gallon above ground storage tank had been ruptured as part of a vehicle accident. A Ford Econoline van had slammed into the tank's supporting legs creating the rupture. The owner informed us that the tank was nearly full and the rupture was at a low place in the tank, after the collision, subsequently allowing the entire contents to escape.

We informed the owner that it would be their responsibility to contact a clean up contractor and have the remaining fuel removed. I contacted Ohio EPA and talked to Todd Taylor and informed him of what we had. He was ok with the fact that a clean up contractor could do a good job and that we would need no response from him or the EPA. The owner contacted UST and talked to Barney Cook for the clean up.

Knowing Barney for several years and his level of expertise in this area, I felt confident that the situation would be taken care of. He was to begin work on Monday morning.

There is a 3 ½ floppy with pictures and an article from the Lancaster Eagle Gazette.