

OIL SPILLAGE FROM A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

BRIEF: CLOSURE OF A POLLUTION INCIDENT

WDE Consulting Ltd, was appointed by the loss adjuster to manage the closure a pollution incident relating to an oil spillage emanating from an operational vehicle distribution facility. An adjacent surface water body was impacted with free phase product along a 500m stretch, which emptied into a major river.

Emergency measures included the removal of product from the spill area via vacuum tanks and the placement of booms and absorbents along the affected stretch of water. Excavation of the worst affected areas was required, followed by six month period of replacement of absorbents and monitoring of the water quality. There was no evidence that the major river suffered any impact or adverse affect from the spillage.

WDE acted as the liaison between the contractor, landowner and regulatory authorities to ensure that the correct decisions were made without delay. Samples were retrieved from the surface water at regular intervals to provide verification of the success of the remedial works. These were collated into a Closure Report on completion of the works.

The Environment Agency were consulted throughout the process of cleaning up the spillage and have closed the incident.



WDE Scope of Works:

- Remedial Options Appraisal and Strategy
- Verification of Remedial Works
- Environmental Monitoring
- Closure of Pollution Incident