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SPECIAL NEWS

SANTA FE PACIFIC PIPELINE INCIDENT

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Trans-Sierra Pipeline Repair Underway

SUMMIT CREEK — Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline crews have replaced thirty feet of petroleum pipeline surrounding a crack that leaked diesel, gasoline, and jet fuel into the environment near Donner Lake. Hydrostatic tests confirmed the replacement pipe's basic integrity. After the water was drained and the pipe resealed, pressure tests with petroleum products brought the same results. The pipeline repair job must be approved by the Nevada County Department of Environmental Health, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the State Fire Marshall's office, which is the State agency responsible for pipeline integrity and safety in California.

With fuel again flowing to Reno, spill responders are concentrating on identifying the areas contaminated by the spill,

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