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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD FUEL SPILL

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UNION PACIFIC FUEL SPILL CONTAINMENT AND CLEANUP CONTINUES

LAKE VAN NORDEN—Union Pacific Railroad continues containment and cleanup efforts at the fuel spill that occurred on February 26, 1997 in the Donner Pass area.

An estimated 17,500 gallons leaked from a fuel line used for transferring fuel from a tank car to a storage tank. The fuel is used for snow removal equipment.

Two trenches have been excavated and some free product has been collected. Rail cars removed soil from the site for testing in Truckee. The train cars were lined and covered to prevent any material from escaping. Soil transportation and disposal issues are being addressed.

Soil sampling continues to provide information that will be used to prepare soil removal plans. Surface water sampling below the spill site is ongoing and will continue until the response effort is complete. Union Pacific Railroad, the California Department of Fish and Game, and Nevada County Environmental Health have plans in place for water testing and monitoring.

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