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FACT SHEET #1

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SANTA FE PACIFIC PIPELINE FACT SHEET

Incident History

Incident reported March 1, 1997.

Petroleum sheen found in area of Summit Creek headwaters, approximately three miles west of Donner Lake.

Pipeline shutdown for inspection. The pipeline crossing Donner Pass transports gasoline, diesel and jet fuel from San Francisco Bay Area refineries to Sacramento and Reno.

Response

More than 30 personnel on site.

Joint water sampling program with SFPP and government agencies continues.

Precautionary containment booms have been placed at six locations along Summit Creek between original reported sheen and Donner Lake.

Dam placed eighth of a mile up from Donner Lake on Summit Creek as precaution.

Conditions

Snow as deep as 12 feet in some areas.

High winds and steep terrain make access difficult.

Command Post

Established at double-wide trailer, Truckee Forest Hospital, east of Highway 89 and Donner Pass Road, off of Levone.

Agency Representatives

California Department of Fish and Game

Nevada County Environmental Health

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Forest Service

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Department of Water Resources

Tahoe National Forest

Santa Fe Pacific Pipelines L.P. is the largest common carrier products pipeline system in the western United States, with 3300 miles of pipeline and 14 terminals.