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17,000 gallons of crude oil spill near Smithville



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FAYETTE COUNTY, Texas -- Crews have contained a giant oil spill in Fayette County.

Ramona Nye with the Railroad Commission of Texas told KVUE on Tuesday that about 400 barrels of crude oil (17,000 gallons) were spilled near Red Hollow Lane and Old Smithville Road in Smithville. The oil apparently came from an eight-inch diameter pipeline after it leaked.

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Crews from SWS Environmental have contained the spill, which polluted a private stock pond and two overflow reservoirs. Those reservoirs are not used by the public.

Crews say they haven't found where the pipe broke, but they are investigating. The line serves refineries in Corpus Christie and transports crude oil.

Koch Pipeline Company says the proper state and federal agencies have been notified. It is unclear how long it will take to find and repair the leak.

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office also responded to the spill. There were no injuries.

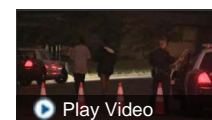
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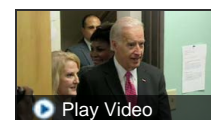


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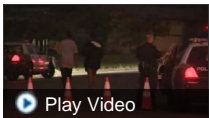
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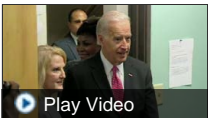
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