

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 725328

Date of Incident: 09/08/2023

Potential Liable Party: Buse Timber and Sales Inc

Product Spilled: Diesel Low Sulphur (ULSD)

Spill Source: Above Ground Storage Tank

Oil Spill Size Estimate: Yet-to-be-determined

Water Body Affected: Wetland Area connected to Union Slough

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: Snohomish

Nearest City: Everett

Location of Spill: Buse Timber and Sales Inc

Cause: Other - Human Error

Ecology Responder: Wondwosen T. Paulos

Incident Summary: On September 8, 2023, the driver of a lumber truck inadvertently departed without replacing the dispenser after refueling. This resulted in a broken fuel hose spilling an as-yet-to-be-determined volume of diesel fuel into the storm system, multiple oil water separators, and a nearby wetland and ditch system that connects to Union Slough. The spill was discovered early the next morning, and the Buse Timber immediately began notifications and hiring a cleanup contractor. The tide gate between the ditch and Union Slough was closed, and impacts appear to be contained to the ditch system. The spilled fuel oil was recovered using sorbent booms and pads, and contaminated soil and sediment cleanup is ongoing.