

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 737992

Date of Incident: 12/17/2024

Potential Liable Party: Virk Xpress

Product Spilled: Diesel Low Sulphur (Ulsd)

Spill Source: 2024 Freightliner sleeper - USDOT#4045083 (Commercial Truck)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 80 Gallons

Water Body Affected: Tronson Creek

Ecology Region: CRO

County: Chelan

Nearest City: Peshastin

Location of Spill: Hwy 97, approx milepost 170.8

Cause: Judgment, Snow, Structural Failure

Ecology Responder: Seth Bengé

Incident Summary: On April 1, 2025, Ecology received a report of diesel odor and a rainbow sheen in an unnamed stream along the north side of Highway 97 at milepost 107. The stream was flowing into a culvert, crossing under Highway 97, and into Tronson Creek, which flows along the south side of the highway. The report also indicated that a spill had resulted from a semi-truck spinout accident that occurred at that location this past winter. An Ecology Responder visited the site and confirmed the sheen and diesel odor and placed some sorbent boom in the creek. Ecology hired GrayMar under state contract to continue cleanup operations. Following an investigation, Ecology determined that a truck owned by Virk Xpress Inc. had driven off the road in snowy conditions on December 17, 2024, resulting in an estimated 80 gallon diesel spill from a broken fuel filter. No cleanup occurred at time and the spill was not reported. After Ecology contacted Virk Xpress Inc, the trucking company assumed the GrayMar cleanup contract. GrayMar removed approximately 103 tons of contaminated wet soil and woody debris and recovered an estimated 70 gallons of diesel from sorbent materials. Based on this information, Ecology estimates that 80 gallons of diesel impacted the tributary and Tronson Creek since the date of the initial accident and spill. No wildlife impacts were reported or observed.