

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS#	739452
Date of Incident:	06/11/2025
Potential Liable Party:	Mort's Dust Control
Product Spilled:	Asphalt/Creoseote, Diesel Low Sulphur (Ulsd), Z-Other
Spill Source:	Dust control application tanker (Tank Truck)
Oil Spill Size Estimate:	249.25 Gallons Total (183.27 Asphalt/Creoseote, 59.8 Diesel Low Sulphur (Ulsd), 6.18 Z-Other)
Water Body Affected:	Little Spokane River
Ecology Region:	ERO
County:	Spokane
Nearest City:	Colbert
Location of Spill:	Spokane Valley
Cause:	Structural Failure
Ecology Responder:	Jacob Belsher
Incident Summary:	On June 11, 2025, a privately-owned wooden bridge failed under the weight of a large spray tanker truck, causing the truck to roll into the Little Spokane River and come to rest upside-down. The truck, owned and operated by Mort's Dust and Erosion Control, contained 3,600 gallons of an emulsified asphalt mixture used as dust control. This mixture began to release into the river, along with the truck's diesel. Ecology responded along with the EPA and Able Cleanup, the contractor hired by Mort's for environmental remediation. Able Cleanup placed containment boom and sorbent material at multiple locations, with sheen observed 1.3 miles downriver. They also collected oiled vegetation and tar balls through June 26, at which point cleanup endpoints were met with no further sheen or tar balls observed. Ecology estimates that 183 gallons of the emulsified asphalt product spilled with 23 gallons recovered in the first 24 hours after the spill occurred. In addition, an estimated 60 gallons of diesel spilled to the river. Ecology personnel took sediment samples to be analyzed for PAHs and for hydrocarbon identification. The incident will soon transition to Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program, who will use the sample results to determine if further cleanup is required. While responders observed abundant wildlife during operations, none appeared to have been impacted by the spill.