

Laurel Pipe Line Company, L.P.
Neville Island Project Fact Sheet
June 2019

Overview

- Laurel Pipe Line Company, L.P. (Laurel) owns and operates a refined petroleum products pipeline that traverses a section of land currently owned and operated by Robert Morris University (RMU) on Neville Island, as well as land in Coraopolis.
- On May 19, 2019, Laurel commenced a planned hydrostatic test of the pipeline. Prior to the test, all petroleum products were removed from the pipeline and replaced with water.
- On May 20, during hydrostatic testing activities, a change in pipeline pressure in the vicinity of Neville Island was detected. There was no petroleum in the pipeline at the time, and no risk to public or environmental safety from the pressure drop.
- Laurel immediately commenced an investigation to identify the location of the anomaly in the pipeline utilizing multiple investigative techniques. As a result of the investigation, Laurel identified the anomaly in a section of pipeline underneath the Ohio River Superfund Site on Neville Island.
- In order to access and evaluate the anomaly, Laurel prepared an Excavation Work Plan (Work Plan) in consultation and coordination with RMU, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), and representatives from Neville Land Company (the Site Responsible Party).
- Following approval of the Work Plan from all parties, excavation activities commenced on June 14.

Current Activities

- Laurel continues to make the safety of the public and site workers its top priority. All activities at the Site are being completed in accordance with the Work Plan and under review by regulatory agencies.
- Air monitoring has been ongoing at the site and began before construction activities were underway. There have been no detections of pollutants on worksite perimeter air monitoring meters during the repair activities. Laurel will continue to monitor the air in the Work Zone and surrounding area until restoration activities are complete.
- Laurel has investigated and repaired the section of pipeline where the anomaly was identified. Crews are in the process of backfilling the excavation and restoring the site to pre-construction conditions.
- Representatives from USEPA, PADEP and RMU have been at the site to monitor conditions and Laurel's progress.

Contact

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