Hopkins Diesel Tank Discharge Summary

- January 19, 2012 - Hopkins staff observed an oil sheen in the Hopkins facility discharge canal.
- January 20, 2012 - Hopkins staff determined that the source of the sheen originated from Tank #4, which held diesel fuel (product)
- January 20, 2012 - The diesel fuel was fully contained on site and the leak did not affect public health or welfare. Hopkins staff immediately notified the City's Environmental Regulatory Compliance Division (ERC), who in turn notified the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), State of Florida Department of Health, Leon County and the State Watch Office (SWO# 2012-441), in compliance with all regulatory notification requirements. A FDEP Discharge Reporting Form was submitted to FDEP and FDEP Bureau of Emergency Response (BER Incident # 2012-8I-46502) was activated. Shortly after the notifications, Leon County and FDEP met on Site with City staff.
- January 20, 2012 (Friday) – The City Manager's Office was notified.
- January 21, 2012 (Saturday) – The City Commissioners were notified
- Throughout the weekend, the City started removing the diesel fuel from Tank #4 and transferring to other tanks. Most of it was transferred via tanker trucks to Purdom Generating Station.
- City Environmental staff coordinated with a consultant to develop a proposal to install groundwater monitoring wells and take appropriate samples. An emergency purchase order was issued to implement the remedial activities.
- February 15, 2012 - the Mayor and City Commission were provided an update on the tank leak.
- The root cause failure analysis identified a single pinhole leak in the outer bottom of the tank that allowed the diesel to leak. The pinhole was not obvious to the naked eye and had to be identified using a testing technique.
- March 2012 – July 2012 – An extraction system to remediate the diesel was installed and operated in accordance with FDEP requirements.
- October 8, 2012 - A Site Assessment Report was submitted to FDEP.

- June 26, 2013 - FDEP entered an administrative order, approving long term natural attenuation monitoring.
- FDEP issued modifications to the natural attenuation monitoring order on August 6, 2014 and April 30, 2015
- Most recently, the review of data collected over 10 quarterly sampling events demonstrates that the contaminants of concern in groundwater are very low and stable and meet the requirements of conditional closure under Chapter 62-780, Florida Administrative Code. The FDEP agreed the Site is eligible to receive a Site Rehabilitation Completion Order with Conditions (SRCOC). The SRCOC requires restrictions to be in place with appropriate controls.
- The City is currently in the process of drafting the site plan for FDEP's review and approval.
- The City sought reimbursement of our costs from the vendor that made the tank modifications in the 2007/2008 time frame. A lawsuit was filed in August of 2013 against the vendor. Following discovery and mediation, the suit was settled in March of 2015 and the City received a payment of $650,000. A total of $241,944 was expended by the City with outside attorneys on the lawsuit.
- The City has expended slightly more than $500,000 in the site investigation, clean up and remediation to date. The primary expenditure has been with Arcadis ($432,829).