



What happened?

- An emergency response exercise was set up to test the response to a reported hydro-carbon leak into a water-course
- The exercise was carried out successfully and found to be very worthwhile

Findings and key learning points

- A simulated call was made to the Emergency Control Centre from a 'farmer' reporting a suspected liquid hydro-carbon 'leak'
- The response team was mobilised and attended site
- The location of the 'leak' and run-off into a stream was identified and accessed
- A spill containment boom was set-up across the stream
- The team informed various simulated 'authorities' and responded to 'queries'
- The exercise provided excellent training for staff
- Specific learnings related to maps, familiarisation with access routes and providing permanent fixing points for the containment boom

Recommendation

- It is recommended that operators carry out exercises as a means of training staff and to identify learnings
- Liquid pipeline operators should review their spill containment equipment inventory

