

Train Derailment Diesel Spill

Knoxville tracks reopen after NS derailment
(The following story appeared on the Knoxville News Sentinel website on March 23.)

“KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A Norfolk Southern train jumped the tracks around 7:15 p.m. Friday as it moved along rails parallel to Jackson Avenue. It was hauling 105 empty cars at the time, railroad spokeswoman Susan Terpay said. The lead engine separated from the rest of the train, and two other engines and two coal hopper cars were left tilted. Two other cars came completely off the rails at an angle, with their wheel mechanisms partially stripped.

The derailment spilled about 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel, about 50 gallons of which made it into a storm drain, Knoxville Fire Department Capt. Brent Seymour said. Hazardous-materials teams worked to contain the spill, which didn't appear to cause any serious environmental damage. “



TREATMENT: The HAZMAT contractor , HEPACO Environmental Services, applied E-SAFE© Environmentally Safe Cleaner to the site within a few hours of the accident. The application process was to deliver the product directly, undiluted, to the spill surface via low pressure spray as shown at right. Approximately 8 drums of E-SAFE© were used in the cleanup of the 3500 gallon spill.



RESULT: After 6 months duration, no additional application has been required by Emergency Management personnel. Site appears to be clean and safe.

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