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Storm-Water Handling Pump at Limetree Bay Fails, Causing Overflow Into Holding Pond, Odor

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ST. CROIX — Limetree Bay said this morning that after experiencing very heavy rainfall in a short period of time, one of its storm-water handling pumps failed. "This resulted in an overflow from our contained storm-water system into an open containment pond," Limetree said. "The overflow contained quantities of oil along with the storm water. The oil is contained in the holding pond but is resulting in odors."

The company said efforts were underway to recover the oil. Additionally, there is a light sheen at the stormwater outfall in the harbor which is contained by the permanent boom system, according to a statement from Limetree.

Limetree's Emergency response team and NRC oil spill response organization was immediately deployed to maintain containment and recover the oil, the company said.

The oil storage terminal and refinery said it has notified all applicable regulatory agencies and will provide further updates as it responds to this incident.

The company apologized for the impact to the community, and said it was working to ensure that all controls continue to be in place and to recover the oil as quickly as possible to minimize further impact to the public.

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