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Effects from Oil Spill Minor at Luling Water Treatment Plant

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SEGUIN- On Saturday, June 5, 2004, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Luling Water Treatment Plant suspended pumping for several hours from the San Marcos River due to a discharge of crude oil upstream of the water plant intake pipe. The source of the crude oil was a leaking gathering line near State Highway 90. After heavy rainfall, some of the oil was carried into the stream. Pumping from the river resumed Saturday night after the bulk of the crude oil passed the plant intake.

"At no time has there been a lack of quantity or quality of treated water for the City of Luling," according to Chief Operator Joe Downey. Samples collected from the water plant on Saturday and Wednesday detected no oil in the treated water. The oil field leak has been repaired. Absorbent booms have been installed on the river by the environmental clean up crew, BNC Environmental, under the direction of the Texas Railroad Commission and TEPPCO, the owner of the oil field tanks and pipeline.

The Luling water treatment plant operators are monitoring the flow of the river and the pumping of water from the river may be periodically suspended as needed to prevent uptake of any oil remaining in the stream.