



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Underground fuel release at Midway Atoll:

03/28/2003 Update

- As of March 28, approximately 40,000 gallons of JP-5 fuel have been recovered.
- Completed installation of eight recovery wells. All are now in operation.
- Constructed a land farm area for soil remediation. Soil from the recovery well and trench excavation has been spread to a thickness of 4 to 10 inches. It will be frequently turned to promote aeration and bioremediation of the soil.
- Previous contamination is complicating recovery and remediation of the current spill. A plume of what appears to be bunker C oil spreads to the northwest of the current spill site. Another plume of what appears to be motor gasoline extends to the southeast of the current spill site. These plumes must be taken into consideration in placing the recovery wells, calculating pumping rates, and in reusing the recovered JP-5.

