



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Underground fuel release at Midway Atoll:

05/15/2003 Update

- As of May 15, approximately 60,000 gallons of JP-5 fuel have been recovered.
- Pumping continues at eight remediation wells. Motor gas, apparently from a previous undocumented spill, infiltrated some of the monitoring wells surrounding the JP-5 plume and is being removed.



- Additional equipment has been purchased and delivered to Midway to upgrade fuel farm operations as well as to aid in cleanup operations.

- A new 5,000-gallon fuel truck has been delivered to replace two from Midway's U.S. Navy days.



- Recovered fuel will be filtered and reused on the island to fuel the boilers and perhaps operate the generator. Filtered fuel will be stored in new fuel bladders that have been delivered to the island.



- On May 5, a total of 510,052 gallons of JP-5 fuel were delivered to Midway Atoll to support aircraft operations.
- 6,000 gallons of motor gas were delivered separately on one of the barges bringing equipment and supplies to Midway.

- All normal precautions were taken to ensure safe delivery and transfer of the fuel from the barge to the fuel tank.



- The aging motor gasoline transfer pipeline has been disconnected, pumped dry, and filled with water to eliminate any possibility of failure.

- Other than the one albatross oiled, cleaned, and released early in the cleanup operations, no wildlife have been affected by the underground fuel release.

