

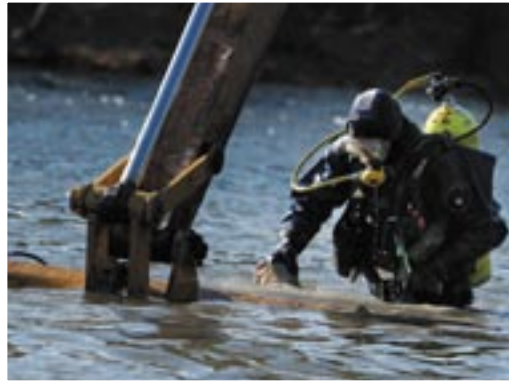
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Divers Resurveying River; Portable Dam Removed

High flows in the Delaware River have receded, and divers have begun to reassess the river bottom to determine where the fly ash has settled. Once the survey is completed, a plan for further cleanup will be developed and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for approval.

Working from custom-built dive platforms, divers also are vacuuming small amounts of ash that remained after the portable dam was removed. The dam had been installed in front of the PPL Boat Launch to allow cleanup of that area, which was where the heaviest ash deposit had been following the spill in late August. Since most of the ash had been removed from the area before the heavy rain in early October, the dam was removed for safety reasons.

Other work in that area – in addition to removing the portable dam – has included restoring the river bottom with rock that was removed during the cleanup of the ash and then washed before being returned to the river.



Divers work on removal of the portable dam and sandbags that held it in place.



From the Cleanup Director



Record-breaking rain in October slowed down, but didn't stop, our effort to clean up the fly ash from the Delaware River. However, after high river flows diminished and we were able to fully return to the cleanup operation late last week, we have made a great deal of progress.

Divers, working in conjunction with long-reach cranes, removed the portable dam and are removing thousands of sandbags that held it in place. They found a few

small pockets of ash remaining. They vacuumed that ash from the river using the pumps mounted on a new custom-built dive platform – one of two that were built at the Martins Creek site specifically for this project. The ash that was removed

was pumped to Basin #4, with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection approval, through a newly constructed 7,800-foot pipeline.

We also completed construction of a filtration plant on the Pennsylvania side of the river capable of processing 600 gallons of material a minute. If any large ash deposits remain in the two areas previously identified within about a mile downriver of the PPL Boat Launch, the filtration plant may be used to take out any ash and other material that's vacuumed up before the filtered water is returned to the river.

The construction project to support this cleanup has been massive, but it's part of our commitment to cleaning up this ash spill as thoroughly as possible.



Bob Barkanic

Pipeline Constructed to Carry Ash Vacuumed from River

Ash in any remaining small pockets that divers vacuum from the river is being pumped to Basin #4 through a 7,800-foot pipeline specially constructed for the vacuuming operation.

Between the river and the ash basin, the six-inch-diameter pipeline goes through two intermediate pumping stations on the uphill trip.



As divers vacuum any remaining ash from the river, it is being pumped to Basin #4 for disposal. Two pumping stations (lower left) along the way help it make the uphill trip.

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