



Official media statement – Dec. 13, 2021

Since Dec. 3, when staff at our Joy Global facility on W. National Ave. became aware of a spill of used oil from a container at that site and immediately alerted proper authorities including the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center, we've been working with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the emergency response cleanup contractors we hired to aggressively address the situation as quickly as possible. At this time, we estimate we have been able to recover about 80% of oil residue on Milwaukee's waterways, and we are working rapidly to address the remainder. The used oil that was spilled is reported to be a combination of spent cutting, hydraulic and lubrication oils generated from our manufacturing process.

We appreciate the support of the community and employee volunteers who have been providing updates on any spotting of potential oil spread and we take each of those reports seriously as we work to implement cleanup procedures. Our approach to the cleanup is in coordination with the WI DNR, who we have been working closely with during each phase of the cleanup. There were two boat crews out on the waterways on Friday and three boat crews on Saturday, with an additional land crew working on cleanup response efforts on both days. Sunday's activities included two boat crews on the rivers and one land crew with a vacuum truck to enable access to oil pockets and sheen at difficult locations along the shorelines. Work is ongoing today and we had four boats out as part of the continued cleanup. All efforts to address this spill are being considered and aggressively implemented.

We sincerely regret that this incident occurred and are committed to supporting the immediate and longer-term needs of correcting the matter. We want to thank the community groups and stakeholders who have helped inform us throughout this process as we work to remedy this situation as quickly as possible.