

**CITY OF TEMPE WATER UTILITIES DIVISION
 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SECTION
 CALL OUT FIELD ENTRY FORM**



Date: 2/5/2026	Time: 20:30	Tempe 311 Case Number:
Date of Response: 2/5/2026		
Contact Name: Anonymous		
Telephone number (if follow-up is requested):		
Address: 604 S. Wilson ST		Tempe, AZ 8528
<p>Complaint: City of Tempe Fire Chief contacted Environmental Services - City of Tempe and advised them that a special operations UH60 Blackhawk helicopter had an emergency and was leaking fuel. They did manage to land at Sky harbor with no further incident. The initial assessment of the leak covered the area from 5th to 6th street, Farmer to Wilson. The Fire Department stated that they noticed a smell of gas or oil and when on scene did note a fine mist on cars and town home in area. It seemed to be drying up quickly, but the smell was still present.</p>		
Category (circle appropriate choice): Other		
Pollutant: (if applicable): Fuel		
Source: (if applicable): Helicopter		
<p>Brief description of what was found: The Environmental Services Section (ESS) responders, Inspector (Maggie Duensing) and Environmental Compliance Supervisor (Drew Rostain), arrived onsite at approximately 21:30 to the cross streets Farmer Ave and 6th Street and noticed a petroleum smell. They walked the area between Farmer to Roosevelt and between 6th and 7th Street. Only noticed a smell and possibly some dried physical evidence of a liquid spill on a car on Wilson. Attached is a map of the areas walked in green and red dots indicating where we smelled petroleum. At 21:42 called Escontras (ph# [REDACTED]) who relayed the information of what the fire department found when they responded to the call stating that the first responders could smell petroleum at (Farmer Ave and 6th St) and (10th ST and Priest) the only physical evidence was a fine mist of droplets found on some vehicles in the area. Escontras said he was told that gas tank #2 was the one that was leaking fuel per his correspondence with the military. He said from some research the black hawk helicopter holds about 450 gallons of fuel in each tank but unsure how much was released. A resident, Brett Carr, (ph# [REDACTED]) was walking on the street by Farmer Ave and 6th ST and stated they were in the area at 19:30 when they first noticed what they thought was rain but turned out was petroleum due to the strong smell and was hard to breathe. He provided a picture of the mist that covered his car that he then took to get washed and by the time he came back home the petroleum smell had reduced in intensity. He later provided additional photos of mist on a vehicle on another vehicle in his community complex and sent a video stating he could see some sort of residual in the community pool. The Inspector and Environmental Compliance Supervisor continued on to the next location 10th ST and Priest. Walking east on 10th ST from Priest to Margo Dr they did not detect any smell of petroleum and found no physical evidence of a fuel spill. After walking the last reported location, ESS responders called Major Jason (Army PIO ph# [REDACTED]) at 22:34 provided the flight path, flight time approximately being 10 minutes, and was not able to provide the estimated amount of fuel released but indicated it was not much due to short flight time and still having plenty of fuel when they landed at Sky Harbor Airport. He mentioned he could provide more information once he completes the investigation of the helicopter evacuation flight. Christina Hoppes from City of Tempe notified ADEQ of the incident at approximately 22:00. The pool of the resident (Brett Carr) was visited the morning of 2/6/2026 at approximately 09:30 after confirming the complex address the resident lived ([REDACTED]) and did not detect any sheen or residual in the pool.</p>		
<p>Below is the original message from Fire and Medical Rescue: "I just want to give everyone a heads up to a call that E276 just responded to. It was a check hazard at 604 S. Wilson St., the PTI read, "Caller is adv that there is either gas or fuel all over house and neighbors as well, not</p>		

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sure what happened. Req FD eval to make safe". Troy Tyler stated to me that as soon as they left the station they could smell a gas or oil type substance. When they arrived on scene they did note a fine mist across cars in the area and the town home that called. There did not appear to be any immediate danger only the smell of fuel. Since they were in the flight path, Troy contacted alarm and asked them to notify Sky Harbor and ask if there were any aircraft emergencies in the area. Sky harbor contacted Troy and advised him that a special operations UH60 Blackhawk helicopter had an emergency and was leaking fuel, they did manage to land at Sky harbor with no further incident. Troy's initial assessment of the leak covered the area from 5th to 6th street, Farmer to Wilson. He stated it was hard to notice the mist towards the end of the call because it was drying, but the smell remained. I'm concerned that this could become a lot bigger and affect more homes and people. I'm also unaware of what the reportable amount of jet fuel is during a spill. My second concern is did the aircraft fly over the Tempe town lake or any other bodies of water. This might be a mayor and council notification. Let me know what other actions you would like me to take.
 LT276 just went on a similar call at 10th and Priest."

Did the discharge reach a protected water:

What actions are required to remedy situation: At this time the physical evidence of a spill had dried up and will continue to monitor the area as needed. Will follow up with City of Tempe Fire and Medical Recue.

Status: CLOSED

Inspector: Maggie Vachon

Indicate reason for remaining open:

Date entry completed: 02/06/2026

Written report required:

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FULL DETAILS

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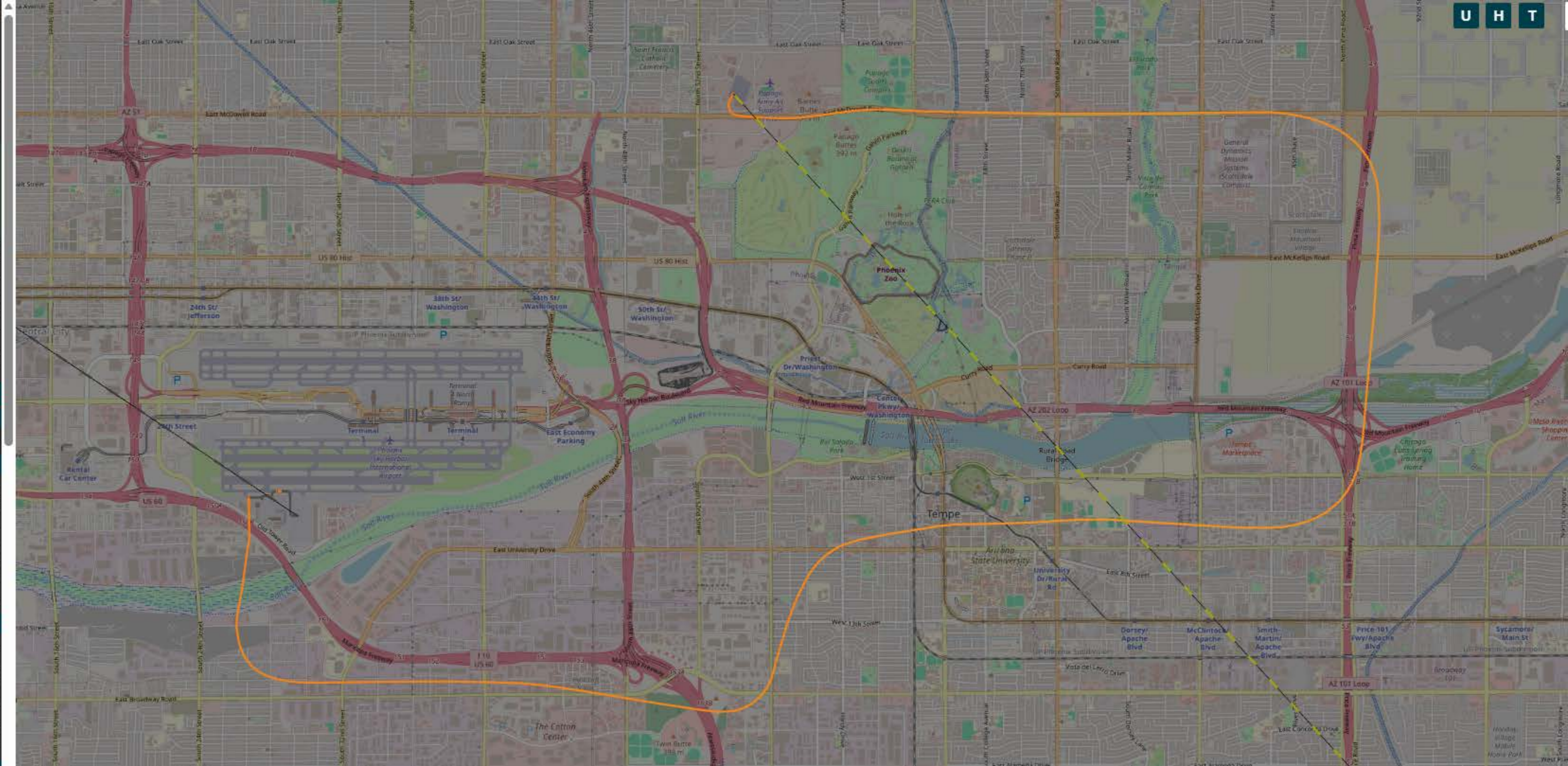
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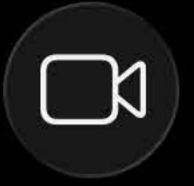
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Brett Karr



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