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**GOVERNMENT RECORDS REVEAL PETROLEUM SPILLS AND LEAKS THAT ARE
REPORTEDLY THE RESULT OF EXXONMOBIL'S OR ITS CORPORATE
PREDECESSORS' FACILITIES**

**NEWLY RELEASED RECORDS SHOW THESE SPILLS AND LEAKS RESULTING
FROM PIPELINES, OIL STORAGE FACILITIES AND HUNDREDS OF GAS
STATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY CLEANED UP**

**RIVERS, WATERWAYS AND CRITICAL WATER SUPPLY SOURCES MAY BE
THREATENED BY THESE SPILLS AND LEAKS**

**NYPIRG KICKS OFF STATEWIDE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO URGE
RESPONSIBLE PARTIES TO CLEAN UP IDENTIFIED CONTAMINATION SITES
WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY**

A new analysis of government information shows a significant failure to adequately clean up petroleum spills at a vast array of leaking pipelines, polluted oil storage facilities and hundreds of contaminated gas stations across the state, some of which were identified as problems decades ago. These facilities, described in government reports as being associated with ExxonMobil or its corporate predecessors, span the state from western New York to the Port of Albany to New York City to the eastern end of Long Island.

The analysis was conducted by Toxics Targeting, Inc., an environmental database firm in Ithaca, NY. Toxics Targeting compiled detailed regulatory information obtained through the Freedom of Information Law for facilities owned or operated in New York by ExxonMobil or its corporate predecessors. As we approach Earth Day, Toxics Targeting has teamed up with the New York Public Interest Research Group Fund (NYPIRG) to examine how the use of fossil fuels can damage public health and the environment.

To help the public understand the scope of the problem, detailed maps and an extensive set of government documents that reveal contamination concerns at hundreds of sites are posted for public review at: [ExxonMobil or Corporate Predecessor Environmental Data Regarding New York State](#).

The government records contain information identifying contamination involving:

Releases Reported Along An Abandoned 315-Mile Olean-Bayonne Crude Oil Pipeline

- Large oil leaks are reported at former storage and compressor facilities as well as near residential homes and waterways along an abandoned 315-mile pipeline reportedly

built from Olean, NY to Bayonne, NJ by the Standard Oil Company, a corporate predecessor of ExxonMobil.

- Oil releases have been reported in Olean, Cameron Mills, Catatunk, Parkerville and Hancock, NY, as well as the Pequannock River that connects City of Newark drinking water reservoirs in New Jersey. Based on up-to-date information contained in publicly-available records, many of these oil releases have never been cleaned up to state standards.

Major Oil Storage Facility Contamination Threats Reported in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, New York City and Long Island

- Reported releases of oil and gasoline from facilities owned or operated by ExxonMobil or its corporate predecessor are documented to have polluted rivers, waterways, groundwaters and residential areas. At some locations within these sites, reports have identified petroleum up to approximately 20-feet deep. Pollution levels at many of these sites reportedly exceed state clean-up standards by more than a thousand-fold.
- For example, a 28,000-gallon kerosene spill reported in 2011 at a former Mobil facility in the Port of Albany has never been cleaned up to state standards. That facility is also reportedly extensively polluted by fuel oil, "unknown petroleum" and gasoline constituents that have impacted the Hudson River, according to government records.

One of The Nation's Largest Oil Spills Has Not Been Cleaned up in Brooklyn, NY

- One of the biggest spills in the nation is located on and around a former Standard Oil Trust facility (a corporate predecessor of ExxonMobil) that reportedly operated along Newtown Creek in Brooklyn, NY for nearly a century. This spill has been estimated at nearly 30 million gallons and has reportedly never been comprehensively cleaned up to state standards after decades of delay.

Hundreds of Leaking Gas Stations Threaten Waterways, Homes and Critical Drinking Water Sources

- ExxonMobil or its corporate predecessors reportedly have more than 3,500 spills that do not meet state clean-up standards at existing or former gas stations or other locations all over New York. These releases may pose pollution threats to properties, rivers, waterways, wetlands and water supply sources.
- Numerous spills reported at current or historic ExxonMobil or corporate predecessor facilities may threaten Long Island groundwater that supplies drinking water to millions of residents in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.
- At least 157 public water supply wells have reportedly been polluted by MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether), a toxic chemical reportedly added to gasoline previously sold in New York State by ExxonMobil and other firms.