

Area oil spill shuts down Keystone pipeline

(AP) —An oil spill in a creek in northern Kansas has shut down a major pipeline from Canada through the Plains and to the Texas Gulf Coast.

Canadian-based TC Energy said it shut down its Keystone system Wednesday night following a drop in pipeline pressure. It said oil spilled into a creek in Washington County, Kansas.

The company estimated the spill at about 14,000 barrels but did not say what caused it. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said no wells providing drinking water were affected and the oil didn't move into larger waterways.

Randy Hubbard, the Washington County Emergency Management coordinator, said there were no evacuations ordered because the break occurred in rural pastureland.

TC Energy said it had set up environmental monitoring at the site, including around-the-clock air quality monitoring.

The spill briefly caused oil prices to rise Thursday.

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