

# SPILL RESPONSE

## Tropical Storm Irene

Immediately following Tropical Storm Irene, **R.E.A.** personnel responded to six separate fuel spills which occurred in the basements of residential and commercial buildings located in central and northern Vermont. During the initial spill response at one location, **R.E.A.** personnel were approached by other property owners seeking assistance for cleaning up fuel spills. **R.E.A.** was able to quickly mobilize other personnel and subcontractors to accommodate multiple spills.

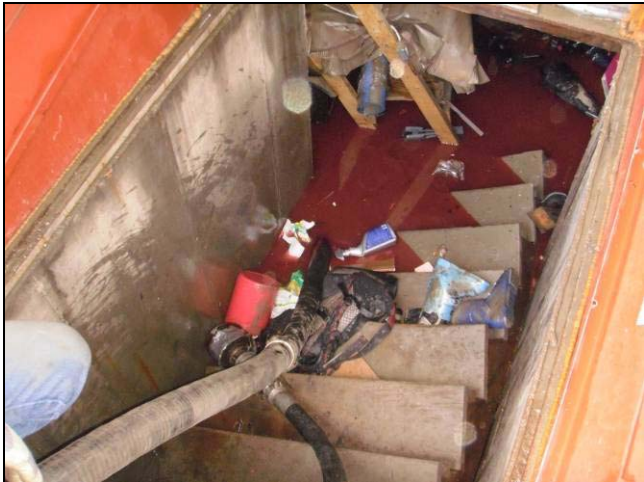


Figure 1. Removing fuel oil from impacted basement.

**R.E.A.** personnel quickly organized the mobilization of roll-off dumpsters, vac-trucks, ventilation fans and emergency generators to facilitate cleanup. At one location, **R.E.A.** coordinated the removal of over 2,000 gallons of fuel-oil contaminated water from the basement. The basement was then ventilated to allow safe access for work crews to finish the cleanup.



Figure 2. Vac-Truck removing fuel oil and contaminated water from basement

After the removal of fuel oil and contaminated water, **R.E.A.** personnel removed contaminated debris and sediment by hand and initiated the final cleanup. All waste material was then transported off site for proper disposal.



Figure 3. Removing contaminated debris and sediment from a basement

### Key Services

- Careful coordination with several contractors allowed **R.E.A.** to quickly respond to several fuel spills at the same time.
- An open line of communication between State Emergency Response personnel and **R.E.A.** trained professionals assisted with the successful cleanup of multiple spills.
- The rapid response by **R.E.A.** personnel minimized the potential damage to personal property and the environment.
- **R.E.A.** personnel were able to assist the various property owners seek reimbursement from private insurance and/or the Vermont Petroleum Cleanup Fund.
- All of the property owners truly appreciated the hard work and quick response provided by **R.E.A.** and their subcontractors.

