

Mayflower Arkansas Pipeline Oil Spill March 29, 2013

The **Mayflower oil spill** came from Exxon Mobil's Pegasus pipeline and spilled an estimated 210,000 gallons of Canadian heavy crude oil about 25 miles northwest of Little Rock. Twenty-two homes were evacuated. This crude oil flowed into Little Rock's only drinking water supply/reservoir. Exxon's Pegasus pipeline was 65 years old at the time of its rupture.



The Exxon Pegasus pipeline was given permission to increase pressure by 50% one year before this rupture. The Western crude oil pipeline running through Placitas is 60 years old and two years ago Western was given permission from the BLM to increase operations to 4.2 million gallons per day with an operating pressure of 800psi without any public comment.