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## Spill ...

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Emig said 35 people from different agencies participated in the cleanup and repair efforts. A fire truck, excavator, backhoe, vacuum truck and several tanker trucks were used, he said.

Fire Chief John Zanzi said a quick response by different departments and agencies helped keep the spill from being worse.

Sebastopol has a small staff, and "it very quickly went past our means to deal with it ourselves," he said. The city contacted public health and water quality officials quickly, and also rounded up help from Pipeline Excavators and the city of Santa Rosa, he said.

"The city of Santa Rosa dropped everything to come over and help us," said Zanzi.

Emig said no outside forces, such as tree roots or a land shift, were responsible for the pipe break.

"It just looks like the pipe failed," he said. Zanzi said a four-inch by 12-inch section came off the top of the pipe.

It is not yet known how much the cleanup efforts will cost, said Emig.

"We'll have to pay for all the time and materials" from the different agencies, he said. And there is still a section of pipe that needs to be replaced.

"We need to look and see what we're going to do with that pipe," he said. "It's a temporary repair" and "we don't want this to happen again."

The city is involved with litigation against the pipe manufacturer over alleged misrepresentations regarding the pipe quality.

The litigation "is basically an unfair business practices lawsuit which relates to misrepresentations relating to the quality of the pipe product," said Sebastopol City Attorney Larry McLaughlin.

The manufacturer of the