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Local Company Helping with Cleanup on East Coast

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CARMI -- A local company is helping with a diesel spill caused by Superstorm Sandy.

350,000 gallons of fuel from a storage tank spilled into the Arthur Kill Waterway between New Jersey and Staten Island. Elastec American Marine out of Carmi is using its special gear for containment and clean up.

"We weren't surprised to get the call, so we sent a few already and we expect more will be coming," said Shon Mosier of Elastec American Marine, Inc.

The design of the special oil skimmers is grooved instead of flat. That allows the skimmer to be more efficient when picking up oil, which will be necessary for cleaning up the diesel spil in the Arthur Kill Waterway between New Jersey and Staten Island.

The company shipped out 3 skimmers Friday, and they're planning to ship out several more in the coming days.

This isn't the company's first time helping out with a major chemical disaster. Elastec's equipment was also used to contain and clean up much of the oil from the 2010 BP Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

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