**Letters: Exxon using pending tactic for spill**

Plan submitted in March adds extra response time

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Exxon Mobil used a re-response plan yet federal

approved in the moments after the company’s Deepwater Horizon pipeline ruptured in May

flower neighborhood and spilled more than 600,000 barrels of oil into it, a creek and a

ave of Lake Conroe, upstream. According to Virginia Department of Environmental

company vice president said Exxon Mobil not only was not responding but also was

rather than rely on the plan that the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials

Exxon Mobil Pipeline Company followed one proposed earlier this year and

the administration. Markham, a spokesman for the.

“Exxon used an unapproved pipeline incident report that pipeline regulators won’t approve because it’s not approved by us. And because it isn’t approved, we can’t learn why Exxon increased response times for a pipeline incident.”

This does not engender confidence in the process to protect people from additional disasters.

The 2009 plan allowed for a 20-minute response time in a worst-case disaster, while the plan submitted in March would add extra response time to Exxon’s plans.