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# Spill of 4000 barrels of oil in the Ecuadorian Amazon alerts Peru

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The possible arrival in Peruvian territory of a spill of 4000 barrels of oil that occurred in the **Coca** River due to the rupture of two pipelines, in the Ecuadorian **Amazon**, has alerted the Peruvian authorities.

The incident that occurred on Tuesday, April 7, took place about 300 kilometers from the Ecuador-Peru border. The **Environmental Assessment and Inspection Agency (OEFA)** has informed through a statement that the spill has not yet generated a national environmental impact.

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The river where the crude precipitation occurred begins at the foot of the Sumaco volcano in **Ecuador**. It is a tributary of the Napo River, which reaches into Peru to end in the Amazon, near the city of Iquitos.

The crude oil has been creeping up the current and has already affected seventy native Ecuadorian communities, as certain indigenous groups in that country have denounced.

As if that were not enough, **Petroperú** and **OEFA** report that this fact is compounded by another minor oil spill caused by a leak in the Iquitos city refinery operated by the state oil company.

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The pipelines were affected by a geological problem. These are the state-owned Trans-Ecuadorian Pipeline System (SOTE) and the private Heavy Crude Pipeline (OCP), both in the vicinity of the active Reventador volcano. It was also a "pipeline" for the transport of derivatives.

Operators of the state company have already cleaned the area with the supervision of OEFA inspectors. This may mean one more stain on the rivers of **Loreto**, which have suffered numerous oil spills in recent years, due to the exploitation of various fields in their territory, as well as leaks and sabotage in the North Peruvian Pipeline (ONP).

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