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## Cameras to spot position of sunken towboat

*Post staff report*

A Boone County Water Rescue crew is using underwater cameras to assist in raising the General Ellis, a towboat used by the Gallatin Steel Co., which sank in the Ohio River.

Carlisle Construction Co. is expected to raise the boat, which sank early Monday about three miles downstream from the Markland Dam.

The underwater cameras will give rescue crews a better look at how the boat is sitting on the river bottom.

Disaster and Emergency Services teams are concerned about the 6,000 gallons of fuel aboard the boat, said Boone County Emergency Management Director Bill Appleby.

"We want to prevent any spillage of fuel or the least amount possible," he said.

The towboat is in water between 42 and 44 feet deep, said Dale Appel of Boone County Water Rescue, which worked at the site Monday using sonar to check the position.

"There weren't any massive leaks or spills," he said.

Appel was unsure whether the crews today planned to pump the fuel out or raise the boat with the fuel on board.

"I don't think it's a dangerous job, but it will put some people under some strain getting it out of there," he said. "It's a nasty current."

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