

23,000 cans of water donated to volunteers cleaning Kalamazoo river oil spill

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BATTLE CREEK — Anheuser-Busch is making a donation to relieve the thirst of volunteers cleaning the Kalamazoo River oil spill.

On Friday night, Battle Creek distributor Atlas Sales was scheduled to receive 23,500 cans of drinking water to distribute to workers.

The water comes in 12-ounce aluminum cans and was shipped from Cartersville, Ga.

Greg Dunn, Atlas Sales president, said his company made the request from the corporate Anheuser-Busch office because of the importance of the Kalamazoo River.

“We know what the river means to people,” Dunn said. “It’s important for people to support (the volunteers).”

Dunn hopes this donation will spur others to assist volunteers.

Hundreds of workers have helped with the clean up since the spill was first reported on July 26.

Since 1988, the brewer of Budweiser, Bud Light and Michelob beers has donated more than 69 million cans of water following disasters.

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