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Suisun Marsh Pipeline Spill Update

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PIPELINE SPILL UPDATE #7

SUISUN CITY, Calif. – The U.S. Coast Guard, California Dept. of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (KMP), continue activities in response to the diesel spill from a pipeline into Suisun Marsh, near Cordelia, California. The following applies to this incident:

- There are currently 65 personnel on scene: 4 Federal, 4 State, 2 Kinder Morgan, and 55 contractors retained by the company to continue clean up operations.
- Efforts are focused primarily on continued clean up of product in two separate portions within the 242-acre diked area.
- In Area A, which encompasses 15-20 acres nearest the pipeline, shallow trenches have been dug in order to allow easier collection of the diesel oil, which facilitates the clean-up process.
- Based on the latest information, KMP has updated its estimated spill volume to approximately 84,714 gallons (2,017 barrels). About 54,600 gallons (1,300 barrels) of that have been recovered.
- Two adult ducks (a mallard and a bufflehead) that were oiled in the fuel release have been rehabilitated and returned to the wild. Both were released in a lagoon near Vacaville to continue recuperating and reduce the chance of returning to the spill site. In accordance with California's Oiled Wildlife Care Network protocol, each has been fitted with a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service leg band for easier identification in the future.

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