

EXXON PLATFORM "HERITAGE" SPILL —

UPDATE: May 3, 1996, 9:00 A.M.

NEW INFO: Activity is winding down on the clean-up efforts, as the spill was contained quickly after it occurred.

RESPONSE: As of 0845 this morning, there was only one skimmer still working the spill. Most of the oil has been recovered, and clean-up is expected to be complete later this afternoon, if weather conditions continue to be favorable. Staff at the command post in Thousand Oaks are waiting for overflight information, and expect closure sometime today.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT:	By air. The objective is to assess the number and
types of birds	and marine mammals threatened or affected by
the spilled crude oil.	

IMPACT: There are still no known wildlife or human injuries, and no impact to shoreline. Offshore winds have changed, with winds out of the west, blowing the slick parallel to the coastline.

An update will be issued when conditions change. For more information, please contact Dana Michaels, OSPR Public Affairs Officer, at (916) 327-9948.