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UPDATE 2: Unified Command Establishes Joint Information Center

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. - The Unified Command has established a Joint Information Center for public information located at the County Emergency Operations Center, Santa Barbara, Calif.

The direct contact for the Joint information Center is (805) 696-1188.

For individuals who want to file a claim for compensation please contact (866) 753-3619

For individuals who come across affected wildlife please contact the Oil Wildlife Care Network at 877-823-6926.

For individuals who wish to volunteer in the clean-up effort please you can find more information at Calspillwatch.com

Individuals are urged to stay off area beaches as a safety measure and to stay away from petroleum products. Refugio Beach has been closed to the public.

If anyone comes into contact with oil and feels any symptoms, go to the nearest emergency room.

“Our priorities during this response are to ensure the safety of the public, mitigate the impact of spilled substance on the environment and wildlife and the waterways and beaches, said Capt. Jennifer Williams, Federal on Scene Coordinator for the response.

In the interest of the public, we will continue our safety, environmental response, and waterway management missions. We appreciate the support of the communities we serve, as well as the federal, state and local agencies that work alongside us.

For more information contact:

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