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Update 10: Unified Command continues cleanup operations

The Unified Command is continuing clean-up operations at the Refugio Beach oil spill in Santa Barbara County.

- Oil recovered:
 - Oily water: 9,492 gallons
 - Oily solids: 91 cubic yards
 - Oily soil: 800 cubic yards
- Location and time of spill: Refugio Beach, reported at 1:30 p.m. on May 19, 2015
- Pipeline spill involved in incident is located north of Refugio State Beach
- Assets
 - Personnel: 625
 - Vessels: 17
 - Skimmers: 3 and 18 on order
 - Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT): 5 teams made up of 4 people
 - Wildlife Recovery Teams: 6 teams made up of 4 people
 - Helicopter: 2 and 2 on order
 - Vacuum truck: 1 and 1 on order
- Responsible party: Plains All American Pipeline
- Unified Command: United States Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management, Plains All American Pipeline.
- Beach Closures: Refugio and El Capitan; closures of state beaches continue through June 4, 2015. Patrons will be emailed by Reserve America.
- Fishery Closure: Canada de Alegria to Coal Oil Point

- **Public safety message:** The safety of the public and incident responders is our number one priority. The public is advised to avoid contact with the oil and to keep pets away from the spill area where the product has accumulated. In addition, they should not attempt to rescue oiled wildlife. Untrained individuals who attempt to rescue wildlife may cause more harm than good and may injure themselves in the process. If oiled animals are scared back into the water by pets or people, their chances of survival decrease dramatically.
- **Environmental impacts:**
 - **Birds:** 6 Brown Pelicans alive; 3 dead Brown Pelicans
 - **Mammals:** 2 sea lions, 1 live elephant seal, 1 dolphin dead. Scientists are determining if the mammals were impacted by the spill.
 - **Fish:** NA
 - **Invertebrates:** More than 50
- **Boom by feet:**
 - **Absorbent:** 1630 ft.
 - **Hard boom:** 2090 ft.
 - **Diversion:** 1500 ft.
 - **43' Tow:** 2250 ft.
- **Restrictions:** A Federal Aviation Administration flight restriction has been established in the area of the response. Aircraft not directed as part of the response may not enter the airspace of Refugio State Beach. The restriction encompasses a five-mile radius around the park with a 1,000 foot ceiling. This includes the use of drone aircraft.
- **Pipeline investigating agency:** Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, for more information call 202-366-9831
- **To report Oiled wildlife:** 1-877-823-6926
- **Volunteer information:** 1-800-228-4544
- **Claims number:** 1-866-753-3619
- **For more information:** www.refugioresponse.com you can also visit <https://calspillwatch.dfg.ca.gov> for the latest news and information

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