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Update 3: South Bay Incident Unified Command continues cleanup operations

LOS ANGELES – The South Bay Incident Unified Command continues the cleanup operations at El Segundo, Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beaches.

The beaches from El Segundo jetty to the Torrance-Redondo Beach border are closed to the public. Individuals are urged to stay off area beaches as a safety measure and to avoid the tar balls. Precautionary boom is also in place at King's Harbor and Ballona Creek.

Additional updates about the status of the beaches will be provided at 11 a.m. Friday.

Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel are scheduled to patrol the beach with personnel and boats at dawn Friday. A Coast Guard helicopter crew with a NOAA representative aboard will also conduct an over flight Friday morning.

A Good Samaritan delivered a loon to the Manhattan Beach Incident Command Post, and the bird was found to have some oiling on its feathers. The Oiled Wildlife Care Network accepted the bird at its San Pedro rehabilitation center. A recovery location for this animal was not provided, and the Unified Command cannot confirm how it became oiled.

The Coast Guard and California Department of Fish and Wildlife have collected tar ball samples. Laboratory analysis of this material to determine a possible source is still pending.

The Coast Guard, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Los Angeles County Lifeguards, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles Department of Public Health, the Department of Beaches and Harbors and the L.A. County Office of Emergency Management are coordinating response efforts.

The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management is encouraging residents, seniors, persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs in the impacted areas to call 211 LA County for basic information on the South Bay Incident.

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 visit <https://calspillwatch.dfg.ca.gov/Spill-Archive/South-Bay-Incident>.

For current updates follow the Coast Guards Public Affairs Los Angeles Twitter feed at <https://twitter.com/USCGLosAngeles> or contact PA1 Michael Anderson at (310) 781-0619.