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## **Update 27: Unified Command continues to respond to the Refugio Oil Response in Santa Barbara County, California.**

The Unified Command continues to respond to the Refugio Oil Response in Santa Barbara County, California.

As of 12:20 p.m. Friday, the Unified Command has 1,397 people working together in support of the response. There are 18 boats, and two helicopters, working on cleanup operations. Cleanup crews have removed more than 10,900 gallons of oily water mixture, and our SCAT teams continue to comb the 29.48 miles of affected shoreline out of the 37.45 miles of surveyed shoreline.

As of 12:20 p.m., Friday, cleanup crews have removed 252 cubic yards of oiled vegetation, 836.5 cubic yards of oiled sand and 2,000 cubic yards of oiled soil.

The public is advised to avoid contact with the oil and to keep pets away from the area where product has accumulated.

As of 12:20 p.m. Friday, a total of 40 live birds found affected by oil and 22 have died since the beginning of the response. In addition a total of 28 mammals have been found affected by oil and 14 have died.

The public 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.

The Unified Command at the Refugio oil response is aware of the tarballs discovered on 6.5 miles of shoreline at El Segundo, Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo beaches, and is working closely with the South Bay Incident Unified Command in Los Angeles. Samples are being collected from the South Bay incident for analysis and fingerprinting to determine if the pollution in the South Bay is the result of the Refugio Oil Spill or if it is the result of another source.

For the safety of the cleanup crews and the public, Canada de Alegria to Coal Oil Point fisheries still remain closed until further notice and a safety zone is currently in effect around the fisheries, which extends from west of Coal Oil Point to west of Gaviota State Beach and seven miles out from the shoreline. Mariners in the vicinity may receive broadcasts via marine band radio channel 16.

A Federal Aviation Administration flight restriction remains in effect 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.

The Unified Command continues to monitor environmental and economic impacts. A claims line remains free and open to address personal and business losses due to the oil release.

- To report oiled wildlife: [1-877-823-6926](tel:1-877-823-6926)
- Volunteer information: [1-800-228-4544](tel:1-800-228-4544)
- Volunteers interested in signing up for cleanup operations are required to visit <https://calspillwatch.dfg.ca.gov/Spill-Archive/Refugio-Incident/Volunteer>
- Claims number: [1-866-753-3619](tel:1-866-753-3619)
- For more information: [www.refugioresponse.com](http://www.refugioresponse.com)
- Refugio State Beach information [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=601](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=601)
- El Capitan State Beach information [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=603](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=603)

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