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Refugio State Beach slated to reopen July 17

Santa Barbara, Calif. — Refugio State Beach has been cleared by California State Parks to reopen July 17 at noon.

California State Parks and members of the Unified Command completed a site assessment of the state beach and deemed it safe for the public. All recreational activities can resume including swimming, camping and fishing.

Non-state park areas to the (east/south) of Refugio State Beach will remain closed as cleanup work will continue, but the closures will not affect beachgoers or campers. Due to clean-up operations in those areas, the public is asked to avoid closed areas.

On May 19, 2015, a privately owned crude oil pipeline leaked, causing an oil spill within and around Refugio State Beach. State beaches affected by this incident included Refugio and El Capitan near Goleta.

Refugio State Beach is located 20 miles West of Santa Barbara on Highway 101 at Refugio Road. For more information on the beach, please visit www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=603 http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=603 or call (805) 585-1850.

For information on the oil spill, please call the Joint Information Center at (805) 770-3682 or visit www.refugioresponse.com <http://www.refugioresponse.com>.

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