

Bolsa Chica State Park Volunteer Deployment 10-8-2021



On Friday, October 8, 2021, the first group of oil spill cleanup volunteers donned Tyvek and gloves and entered Bolsa Chica State Beach to cleanup tar balls. The groups used kitty litter scoopers to dig up half-dollar sized tar balls on the beach. The area was sparsely oiled, but the participants were glad to help and happy the damage wasn't worse.

More than 10,000 people volunteered for beach cleanup within hours of the volunteer program being launched online, Thursday, October 7, 2021. The Unified Command then conducted a four-hour virtual class, the first time California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response has conducted this type of training virtually. The class is called hazardous waste operations and emergency response or HAZWOPER. It's required for any workers who perform cleanup and emergency response that involve the uncontrolled release of hazardous substances, in this case oil.