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FROM THE OSPR NEWSROOM. . .

Over 200 barrels of a crude oil product spilled into Los Cerritos Channel, in Long Beach, around 6:10 am, when an oil pipeline broke. OSPR has dispatched Wardens Mark Caywood (IC) and George Pell (DIC), wildlife biologist Tom Napoli, and Oil Spill Prevention Specialists Ed Boyes and Jim Rolin to the site, where they've established, along with the Coast Guard, an Incident Command Center. The cause of the pipeline break and the RP are unknown at this time.

The oil is contained in Los Cerritos Channel, between Clark Avenue and East Atherton Street, where seven booms have been placed. Oil is still flowing from the pipeline, at a rate of about 15-20 gallons per minute, and being vacuumed before it can flow into the channel. Secondary boom has been placed at Anaheim Street, as a precaution.

Twenty-four oiled ducks and one cormorant have been sighted in the area. The OSPR veterinary van is enroute, and the Oiled Wildlife Care Network has been mobilized. Los Cerritos channel flows into Alamitos Bay, where the endangered California least tern frequently nests, and is present now.

The OSPR and Coast Guard are investigating the exact cause of the spill, and responsible party.



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