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DATE: November 1, 1996
TIME: 1730 Hours

CAPE MOHICAN SPILL UPDATE

SPILL: The amount originally reported has not been amended; approximately 81,000 gallons of bunker Intermediate Fuel Oil (IFO) 180 was spilled into San Francisco Drydock (Pier 70) on October 28, 1996. An estimated 8,400 gallons escaped into the Bay.

WILDLIFE: 22 oiled birds have been captured and are being cleaned, including 9 brown pelicans. 33 dead birds have been recovered, including grebes, gulls, loons, pelicans, and shorebirds. 200 oiled birds are being monitored offshore. 10 oiled snowy plovers have been observed at Ocean Beach. 12 oiled Harbor seals were reported at Point Bonita but have not yet been captured. A biologist is reviewing the potential impact on the Herring fisheries.

Reports of oiled wildlife should be made to 510-841-9087.

RESPONSE: 400 response personnel are on-scene, including approximately 120 to 150 beach clean-up crews from the Conservation Corps.

12 vacuum trucks, 4 major skimming vessels and 16 smaller skimming vessels are currently deployed. 3 rescue boats are being used to capture oiled wildlife. Skimming and clean-up around the piers is a priority, however, clean-up of oil under Pier 70 is being hampered by the lack of headroom under the pilings. Oil is being recovered from the pier as it washes out with the tides.

SCAT: Spill Cleanup Assessment Teams (SCATs) are covering all areas, focusing currently on Baker, China and Stinson beaches. Sheening and light oiling observed at the Marina and Aquatic Park. Tarballs and sheening have been observed 3 miles outside of the Golden Gate and near Point Bonita.

BEACHES: National Park Service re-opened Ocean Beach though other beaches in the area remain closed, including Rodeo and Stinson. Oil has been found on Angel and Yerba Buena Islands, at Tiburon and on Crissy, Baker and China Beaches.

JIC: A Joint Information Center (JIC) has been established and can be reached at 415-518-8422 and 415-999-1510.

MAC: A meeting of the Multiple Agency Coordination (MAC) group was held this afternoon at 2:30. Representatives from the following agencies were scheduled to attend: State Office of Emergency Services (OES), Region 2 OES, San Francisco and Marin County OES, San Francisco Fire Department, San Francisco Public Health, and Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Office.

The next MAC meeting will be held at the Command Center on Monday @ 10:00.

VOLUNTEERS: No “convergent” volunteers are being utilized at this time though they may call 800-228-4544 for information.

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