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Suisun Marsh Pipeline Spill Update

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PIPELINE SPILL UPDATE #4

SUISUN CITY, Calif. –Progress continues in the cleanup of the diesel spill from a pipeline into Suisun Marsh, under direction of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), California Dept. of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (KMP). The latest information follows:

- The damaged pipeline section was removed Saturday and a new 50-foot section of pre-tested pipe was installed.
- In accordance with U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT) and State Fire Marshal directives, a pressure test of the pipeline from Concord to Sacramento is in progress and normal operations are expected to resume Sunday afternoon. DOT, State Fire Marshal, and KMP representatives are monitoring the start-up procedures for placing the pipeline back in service.
- More than 100 OSPR, USCG, KMP employee and environmental consultants are in the field continuing efforts to recover pockets of diesel fuel, contaminated soil, and affected wildlife in the 242-acre marsh area. Teams continue to assess the spill's impact to natural resources.
- The total number of animals taken to the San Francisco Bay Oiled Wildlife Care and Education Center thus far include:
 - 14 live birds (mallard, bufflehead, goldeneye)
 - 22 dead birds (sandpiper, plover, teal duckling)
 - 6 dead mammals (beaver, muskrat, mole)
- Owners of the Drake Sprig Duck Club, the Suisun Marsh Hunting Preserve and representatives of the Suisun Resource Conservation District are cooperating in the successful handling of the containment and clean-up efforts. They will continue to provide input to the Incident Command to deal with clean-up operations in order to minimize the effects on the sensitive environment of the Suisun Marsh area.

- Applications for third party claims may be made by calling 510-690-9840.
- Approximately 148 people are working on the spill response; these include 18 federal, 12 state, 27 Kinder Morgan, and 91 contracted clean-up professionals.