

## *American Trader Oil Spill Facts*

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### **Damages** Oil Spill

VERDICT: \$18,064,695.58 (against defendant Attransco Inc.).

CASE/NUMBER: The People of the State of California ex rel. Dept. Of Fish and Game, et al. v. American Trading Transportation Co., Inc. And Attransco, Inc. / 646339.

COURT/DATE: Orange Superior / Dec. 8, 1997.

JUDGE: Hon. William F. McDonald, Dept. 20

DISBURSEMENT: \$12,753,071.08 (for loss of use of the public beaches during clean-up);  
\$5,311,624.50 (for the Regional Water Control Board under Water Code §13350).

ATTORNEYS: Plaintiff - State of California - Michael Leslie, Mary Newcombe, David Pettit (Hedges & Caldwell, L.A.); Sylvia Cano Hale (Office of the Attorney General, L.A.); Plaintiff - City of Huntington Beach - James H. Ackeman (Office of the City Attorney); Defendant - David E.R. Wooley, Todd A. Valdes (Cogswell, Wooley, Nakazawa & Russell, Long Beach).

TECHNICAL EXPERTS: Plaintiffs - W. Michael Hanemann