

Cape Mohican Spill Update: Tuesday, October 29, 1996, 2:30 p.m.
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- SPILL FROM:** MARAD vessel *Cape Mohican* (owned by U.S. Government, managed by a New York-based ship management firm).
- LOCATION:** San Francisco Drydock, Inc. — 900 Illinois Street (at the foot of 20th), San Francisco; near Pier 70, south of SF-Oakland Bay Bridge.
- PRODUCT:** Bunker-C fuel (Intermediate Fuel Oil 180: toxic, heavy duty, low-grade bunker; easier to clean-up on water than light bunkers).
- TIME OF SPILL:** Monday, October 28, approx. 3:30 p.m. (OES notified 4:34 pm; OSPR notified by USCG 4:25, then by OES 4:41 pm.)
- SUSPECTED CAUSE:** Under investigation.
- POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (RP):** San Francisco Drydock, Inc.
- EST. AMOUNT:** 1,943 bbl (81,627 gals.) spilled from ship; most contained in the drydock basin except about 100 bbl (4,200 gals.) went into Bay waters.
- RESPONSE:** Spill source secured and oil being recovered. Containment boom and sorbent pads deployed around drydock by SF Drydock emergency response crew. Coast Guard, Department of Fish and Game Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), and four Oil Spill Response Organizations (OSROs) arrived on-scene 10/28/96 to clean-up released product. Coast Guard federalized Clean Bay for on-water clean-up. Skimmers inside containment boom and vacuum trucks working from dock since Monday p.m. Now double-booming spill area. Recovered oil is being put in dedicated on-shore storage tanks. Site Safety Plan and Incident Action Plan written.
- SITUATION:** Some of oil escaped initial containment boom, last night. Changing tides have swept the slick north and south, between approximately Hunter's Point and the San Francisco Ferry Terminal.

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WILDLIFE: OSPR Wildlife Operations and Veterinary Van are on-scene, as are International Bird Rescue and Research Center (IBRRC) staff. As of 11:00 am, three oiled gulls have been retrieved; up to 100 others may be at risk, as well as some local cormorants, grebes, pelicans, and harbor seals.

MEDIA: There has been News coverage by KRON-TV (NBC), KGO-TV (ABC), KCRA-TV, the San Francisco Chronicle, and others; OSPR staff have heard reports on KCBS/SF and KFBK/ Sacramento Radio.