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2:00 p.m.

CAPE MOHICAN SPILL UPDATE

This will be the last update on this incident prepared for general distribution. Individual agencies needing additional information may contact OSPR at 916-445-9338.

SPILL: The estimated amount originally reported by the facility has not been changed. 81,000 gallons of fuel oil spilled from the vessel, Cape Mohican at Pier 70 (San Francisco Drydock) on 10/28/96 at 3:55pm. Most of the fuel was contained in the dry dock. Approximately 8,400 gallons escaped into the Bay.

RESPONSE: Multi-agency operations are being scaled back, though assessment and clean-up operations will continue as needed. The focus of the response effort is now on shoreline clean-up, wildlife rehabilitation, and investigation. Strategies are being implemented to effect clean-up with minimal impact on the environment.

Shoreline clean-up activities continue at Aquatic Park, Rodeo Beach, Pacifica Beaches, Angel Island and along the Tiburon peninsula. Ongoing clean-up operations will also continue at Piers 48 to 70, and will include high-pressure washing under the piers during the outgoing tides. The plans for cleaning heavily oiled pilings and shoreline riprap between San Francisco Drydock and Pier 50 are also being implemented.

Decontamination of equipment continues as personnel from OSPR and the Coast Guard are demobilized.

SCAT: Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams (SCAT's) will continue to survey upper Fisherman's Beach, Little Beach, Angel Island, the eastern shore of Tiburon, Pier 50, and Piers 70 to 80.

EQUIPMENT DEPLOYED TODAY:

6 vacuum trucks	5,400 feet of boom
13 support vessels	244 people

WILDLIFE: The International Bird Rescue Center (IBRRC) in Berkeley will release a number of rehabilitated birds at noon, Friday, from the Berkeley Marina.

56 live, oiled birds have been captured; 42 have been cleaned, 4 were released, 6 euthanized and 5 died in captivity.
1 oiled pond turtle that was captured last week had to be euthanized, and another oiled turtle was found dead.
110 dead birds have been recovered.

BEACHES: All beaches are open at this time.

CLAIMS: Third party claim information: **1-888-265-8381.**

J.I.C: The Joint Information Center closed today at 10:00am.

COSTS: To date, the spill response has cost \$2,915,475,90. These response expenses are initially covered by the State and Federal, Oil Spill Response Funds until reimbursement can be obtained from the responsible party.

San Francisco Drydock, Inc. has made additional expenditures.

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