

EXXON PLATFORM "HERITAGE" SPILL

Release #1: Thursday, May 2, 1996, 12:00 P.M.

EVENT: Oil spill from Exxon platform "Heritage."

TIME: Approximately 11:45 P.M., Wednesday, May 1, 1996.

LOCATION: Santa Barbara Channel; Santa Ynez Unit, platform "Heritage," approximately eight miles offshore.

DIRECTION: Slick is heading west, toward shipping lanes.

SUBSTANCE: Crude oil; 20-25 barrels estimated by Exxon.

OSPR NOTIFIED: 2:41 A.M., Thursday, May 2, 1996, by OES.

RESPONSE: OSPR has deployed one Warden, one Captain, one Biologist, one Oil Spill Prevention Specialist, and an aerial wildlife survey team to the spill site. A command post has been established at Exxon's Thousand Oaks facility.

The Oil Spill Response Organization (OSROs) Clean Seas has three response vessels on-scene, engaged in skimming operations.

Exxon has 25 people on-site and 35 at the command post. Ten vessels and one surveillance helicopter are on-scene. Four-thousand feet of boom has been deployed, and another 9,000 feet are available, if needed.

Clean-up is expected to be complete, late this afternoon.

IMPACT: At this time, there are no known wildlife or human injuries.

An update will be issued when conditions change. For more information, please contact Dana Michaels, OSPR Public Affairs Officer, at (916) 327-9948.