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Media Advisory

What: OIL SPILL RESPONSE EXERCISE
California Central Coast

Date: August 8 and 9, 1996

Time: Thursday, 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Doubletree Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey

Sponsors: Clean Bay Cooperative, in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Office of San Francisco, and the California Department of Fish and Game Office of Oil Spill prevention and Response (OSPR).

Background: News media are invited to attend an oil industry-led "table-top" oil spill response exercise. Day one will feature presentations and demonstrations addressing wildlife risk analysis and the establishment of a volunteer operations center for oil spill response. Pete Bontadelli, Administrator of the Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response, will open the program with an overview detailing state, local, and federal government goals for the drill.

Day two will see several panels, comprised of leading industry, environmental, and government experts discuss how they would work jointly in response to a spill off the central coast. Panel members will be provided with a spill scenario that involves a tanker collision off the Monterey coast, with spilled oil threatening the shoreline inside Monterey Bay.

This drill is part of an ongoing commitment by the oil industry, federal, state, and local governments to improve and enhance oil spill prevention and response capabilities.

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