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Coast Guard and others respond to fuel spill in Port of Long Beach

SAN PEDRO, Calif. - The Coast Guard and others agencies are responding to a fuel leak in the Port of Long Beach, Nov. 8.

Late Sunday night, the Coast Guard received the report of fuel spilling into the water after a vessel's tanks overflowed during fueling operations. The Coast Guard immediately dispatched a 25-foot response boat from Station Los Angeles - Long Beach with a Coast Guard pollution investigator onboard. A clean-up company also arrived and placed protective boom around the vessel.

There are currently 15 vessels on-scene working to clean up the spill, though it is unknown at this time how much was spilled.

The Coast Guard has scheduled to launch a helicopter from Air Station Los Angeles to conduct a first-light overflight to get a better idea of how much fuel was spilled.

For media assistance, please contact Coast Guard Public Affairs Detachment Los Angeles - Long Beach at (310) 521-4260.