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UPDATE

Spill Response Measures Underway at Naval Base Ventura County in Response to Aircraft Mishap

Ventura County, Calif., May 19.... An Omega 707 aircraft tanker plane crashed at approximately 5:30 PM on May 18, 2011 at Point Mugu, Naval Base Ventura County. The tanker crashed east of the runway into jurisdictional wetlands. The tanker was estimated to hold over 25,000 gallons of jet fuel. It is believed that the majority of the fuel burned during the resulting fire from the crash. Some Jet Petroleum 8 or JP8 jet fuel entered the waters within the wetlands. On May 19, 2011, to prevent JP8 from migrating further into the Point Mugu lagoon, a coordinated response by Naval Base Ventura County, the United States Coast Guard, and the California Department of Fish & Game was implemented.

Mitigation measures have been implemented to prevent further spreading of the JP8 within the Mugu Lagoon. The unified command is committed to ensuring that impacts to the wetlands are minimized. For further information, please contact Vance Vasquez at (805) 377-6250.

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