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Joint Incident Response Update

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SAN FRANCISCO (June 12, 2013) – The Unified Command is continuing to aggressively respond to the oil spill off the coast of San Francisco and the response will continue overnight. The oil spill happened as a result of the collision between an oil tanker called the TT Carrier and a container ship called the Shanghai XP. Officials from the Coast Guard, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, SeaRiver Maritime and local authorities met with Representative Nancy Pelosi to update the congressional minority leader on the state of the spill response.

“We are working tirelessly to get that oil out of the water and to protect the very sensitive environmental resources in that area as well,” said CAPT Greg Stump, the Captain of the Port of San Francisco and the Federal On-Scene Coordinator of the response.

As of 6 p.m., the response by the numbers 12 hours after the collision:

- The estimate of the spill size has not increased. Approximately 840,000 gallons of crude oil leaked into the water.
- Ten vessels have been deployed to skim oil from the water and the Unified Command is preparing a set of contingency plans to contain the oil, reduce or eliminate the risk to natural resources and to protect sensitive environmental areas along the coast.
- An additional 30 vessels have been ordered to support the ongoing response operation.
- More than 17,000 feet of boom have already been assigned to protect sensitive environmental locations.
- An additional 30,000 feet of new boom has been ordered are being readied to protect sensitive environmental sites.
- More than 500 response personnel are involved in oil recovery and wildlife protection both on the water and at the incident command center ashore.
- There have been no reports of any impacted wildlife and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife have established a program to take volunteers. There are 750 “boots on the beach” ready to work cleanup in the event that oil reaches the shore.

- Although there have been no reports of wildlife impacted by the spill, the Oiled Wildlife Care Network has been activated and trained personnel will be on-hand to provide any veterinary care that may be needed.

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