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Oil Spill Response/Recovery Continued Overnight

Mechanical skimming and dispersants used

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SAN FRANCISCO (June 13, 2013) – Work continued overnight on the oil spill recovery off the coast of San Francisco. At an early morning briefing Thursday, the Unified Command reported that both dispersant and mechanical oil recovery operations continued overnight. The oil spill occurred early Wednesday morning after a collision between a container ship called the Shanghai XP and an oil tanker called the TT Carrier operated by Sea River Maritime. Officials from the Coast Guard, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, SeaRiver Maritime and local authorities are leading a coordinated response to the spill recovery.

The Unified Command reported that the following work was completed overnight:

- Mechanical skimming vessels are recovering oil and water from the spill site.
- 65,000 gallons of oil were dispersed using 6,900 gallons of dispersant called Corexit 9500, an FDA approved product.
- Approximately 650,000 gallons of oil remains in the water.
- All of the remaining oil was removed from the damaged tank so that the oil tanker is stable and secure in the water. The vessel will be patched in place before it is moved to a wharf where the cargo remaining in the undamaged tanks can be removed and repairs made.
- An FAA flight restriction remains in effect around the spill site.

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