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PIPELINE OIL DISCHARGE OCCURS OFFSHORE LONG BEACH, CA **Emergency Teams On-Scene Responding**

LONG BEACH, CA – At 6:45 AM PDT an oil discharge occurred 1-1/2 miles from Platform Edith, approximately 9 miles offshore Long Beach, California. Emergency teams are responding to a leak from a 16 inch pipeline that carries produced oil to shore.

“Our primary concern is the safety of the people in the area, including residents, tourists and response workers, and to minimize any potential long-term damage the incident may have on Southern California and its environment” stated Incident Commander Steve Liles, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Beta Offshore.

Beta Offshore responders notified federal, state and local agencies, including the National Response Center (NRC), California Emergency Management Agency (CAL-EMA), US Coast Guard, US Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), California Department of Fish and Game’s Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), and local fire and police authorities. Beta Offshore is working closely with these agencies on a coordinated response. No wildlife impact has been reported. Crews are on standby and will continue monitoring for oiled wildlife. Anyone who sees oiled wildlife should contact the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) at 1-877-UCD-OWCN.

Beta Offshore has established an Incident Command with the US Coast Guard and California Department of Fish and Game’s Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and will be responding for as long as it takes, until the Coast Guard and State say that the job is complete.

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