

THIS IS A DRILL

Oceanside, CA - The Outer Passage Unified Command has deployed four fixed-wing aircraft to spray dispersants to minimize environmental impacts of the spilled oil 17 miles offshore, and reduce the potential for the oil to reach the shoreline. [Note to editors: As a correction, the collision occurred 30 miles off the coast, west of Oceanside, California, not 17 miles as previously stated.]

To assist in the incident response, Unified Command is requesting mariners remain away from Oceanside Harbor to allow responders unrestricted passageway.

The Outer Passage Exercise remains focused on the protection of people and the environment. To date, the following has been deployed:

- Thirty-two vessels are currently at work, in addition to 19 skimmers
- Three tugs are assisting with ensuring the stability of the damaged tanker
- 879 personnel representing federal, state and Chevron personnel

A safety zone is in place around the incident site. All mariners must remain outside of the safety zone.

To date, there have been no reported wildlife impacts.

More updates will be released to www.outerpassageexerciseresponse.com and calspillwatch.dfg.ca.gov when new information is available.

- Only pre-trained volunteers have been authorized by the Unified Command. At this time an informational hotline regarding volunteering has been established on 1 (800) 228 4544.
- At this time wildlife impacts are not known, but if you encounter an injured animal, do not approach it and call the Oiled Wildlife Care Network at (877) UCD-OWCN.
- A claims center has been established and it can be contacted on 1 (800) 249 2812.

Note for editors:

The Unified Command consists of the US Coast Guard, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Chevron.

The Joint Information Center can be contacted on 1 (800) MEDNEWS

Key priorities of Unified Command are:

- Provide for the safety and welfare of community and response personnel affected by the incident
- Initiate actions to control the source and minimize volume of pollutant released
- Determine trajectories and impacts to sensitive areas
- Develop strategies to protect and cleanup affected areas

Additional information is available at the incident information website: www.outerpassageexerciseresponse.com

During an oil spill incident, visit <https://calspillwatch.dfg.ca.gov> for the latest news and information.