

THIS IS A DRILL

Oceanside, CA - The Outer Passage Unified Command, during an overflight this morning, has identified a grouping of oil approximately three nautical mile offshore Carlsbad, California. It is unknown at this time if it is related to this incident. The Unified Command is responding to contain the oil and mitigate potential impacts on the coastline.

At the Hamachi Voyager incident site, dispersants were used on Wednesday evening to reduce the potential for the oil to reach the shoreline, but are not currently being used. The most effective methods of containing the oil continues to be considered.

The Hamachi Voyager is stable and is currently approximately 17 miles offshore. The tanker is no longer releasing oil, and salvage plans are being implemented at this time.

A safety zone continues to be in place around the incident site and all mariners must remain outside of the safety zone.

Impacts to bird and sea life have been reported by responders, but further details including numbers will be made available once an initial investigation is carried out.

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:

- 8,870 feet of containment boom offshore
- Sixty-six vessels are currently at work, in addition to 19 skimmers
- 1,085 personnel representing federal, state and Chevron personnel

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.
- If the public encounter an injured animal, they should not approach it and call the Oiled Wildlife Care Network at (877) UCD-OWCN.
- A claims center has been established at the Courtyard Marriott, Oceanside, and is open from 7am to 7pm, seven days a week. The claims numbers is 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.ga.gov> for the latest news and information.

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