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On-Water Cleanup and Recovery Complete for Shell Wharf Leak

No shoreline or wildlife impact, focus will be transition back to regular refinery operations

Martinez – Feb. 12 – The on-water oil cleanup and recovery operation for the leak at the Shell Martinez Wharf has been completed. Assessments made throughout the response continue to show no impact to the shoreline or wildlife, and no impact to the Martinez Marina or nearby marsh. Absorbent boom used for the response is in the process of being removed.

“This has been a robust response with outstanding cooperation,” said Lt. Commander Rhianna Macon, Deputy Incident Commander, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, and Unified Command. “Now that the external response and recovery phase is complete, the public can expect to see much less activity along the water. Shell, with initial federal and state oversight, will now focus on transitioning back to regular refinery operations.”

“We would like to thank the local residents and neighbors for their patience while we implemented a comprehensive response to this. We appreciate all of the outstanding men and women involved for working at the speed of safety,” said Dennis Lines, Shell Martinez Refinery, Deputy Incident Commander, Unified Command. “The safety focus has been to the high standard that the community demands and deserves.”

“We are very pleased to report no impact to the shoreline or wildlife, and appreciate the time it takes to make a thorough assessment,” said Todd Ajari, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Deputy Incident Commander, Unified Command. “Protecting the environment has been a key objective of this response from the very start.”

In addition to the absorbent boom, other assets were deployed such as skimmers and a helicopter for aerial assessments. This was done both to assist with the cleanup and as a precaution to guard against any potential impact.

An investigation into the root cause of the leak is already underway.

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