

Liaison Update #5



UPDATE: 10/01/24

OES Report #24-5485; NRC Report #1412111

INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF 2:00 p.m.

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Date Incident Reported: 9/27/24

Incident Name: Smith Canal Response

Location: Stockton, CA (San Joaquin County)

Product details: Petroleum

INCIDENT UPDATE

A Unified Command consisting of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was established Friday and has been responding to a spill of petroleum product in Smith Canal that occurred Friday afternoon in Stockton, CA.

Safety of responders and the public remains the top priority for the response. Product was contained to a 1.5 mile stretch of the canal. Crews from USCG, CDFW-OSPR, and Patriot Environmental, have recovered roughly 400 gallons of used sorbent, oily waste and floating debris in the Smith Canal. Sorbent booms remain in place to collect any potential sheening. Assessments are planned to determine the impact to the shore.

SAFETY ZONES

A safety zone remains in place on the Smith Canal from Louis Park to Yosemite Lake, while operations are ongoing. Mariners are discouraged from using the canal but are asked to proceed with caution if operating in the safety zone due to in-water hazards and ongoing clean-up efforts.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

CDFW-OSPR environmental scientists continue to monitor and limit impacts to environmental resources and sensitive sites. Currently, there have been no observed impacts to environmental sensitive sites.

WILDLIFE IMPACTS

There have been no reports of impacted wildlife. However, the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) was notified and is available to respond.

For your safety and the safety of the wildlife do not attempt to capture oiled wildlife. Report oiled wildlife to 1-877-UCD-OWCN (1-877-823-6926). This is not an informational or volunteer hotline.

CLAIMS

Those affected by the spill and waterway safety zone are encouraged to monitor our news webpage and social media pages for future info on the safety zone and claims.

QUESTIONS

Media inquiries can be directed to USCG Public Information Officer, Richard Uranga richard.b.uranga@uscg.mil or by calling 310-781-0619.

Questions from elected officials or agencies can be directed to the CDFW-OSPR Liaison Officer at OSPRLiaison@wildlife.ca.gov.



Crews continue clean-up and recovery operations on the Smith Canal.



Boom containment in-water on the Smith Canal to reduce environmental impacts.

More information will be shared as significant updates to the response occur.