

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Huntington Beach Channel Oil Spill - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IX

Subject: POLREP #2
Huntington Beach Channel Oil Spill

Huntington Beach, CA
Latitude: 33.8550499 Longitude: -118.3903683

To:
From: Robert Wise, OSC
Date: 2/1/2010
Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	Contract Number:
D.O. Number:	Action Memo Date:
Response Authority: OPA	Response Type: Emergency
Response Lead: PRP	Incident Category: Removal Action
NPL Status:	Operable Unit:
Mobilization Date: 1/27/2010	Start Date: 1/22/2010
Demob Date:	Completion Date:
CERCLIS ID:	RCRIS ID:
ERNS No.:	State Notification:
FPN#: E10903	Reimbursable Account #:

1.1.1 Incident Category

See POLREP No. 1

1.1.2 Site Description

See POLREP No. 1

1.1.2.1 Location

See POLREP No. 1

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

See POLREP No. 1

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

See POLREP No. 1

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

The cleanup is being directed by a Unified Command consisting of the EPA OSC, the CADFG Office of Spill Response and Prevention Game Warden (State IC), OCPW and Huntington Beach Fire Department (HBFD). The cleanup is being conducted Orange County Public Works. (OCPW).

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

See POLREP #1

CADFG is continuing to work with the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy to collect oiled wildlife. Their have been 30 dead birds of various species and 1 dead racoon recovered.

Ocean Blue is also cleaning the underground storm drain system. This is expected to be completed on

February 1, 2010. This is being conducted in cooperation with the City of Huntington Beach.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

See POLREP No. 1

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

Waste Stream	Medium	Quantity	Manifest #	Treatment	Disposal
Clarified Water	Liquid	40,000 gallons			POTW

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Cleanup activities will include removal of the clarifier and lateral into the 96" trunkline; decontamination of the underground storm drain and decontamination of the HBC. It is anticipated that wildlife recovery operations will continue throughout the removal.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

1. Under the CWA 311(c) Order, the PRP will decontaminate and remove or abandon in place the clarifier that overflowed. All plumbing from the clarifier to the Huntington Beach's storm drain system will be removed. The PRP has until February 3, 2010 to provide a workplan for this activity.
2. Under the CWQ 3119c) Order, the PRP must determine how the spill occurred. Once the clarifier is clean, all connections into the clarifier will be identified and their path traced.
3. Ocean Blue shall decontaminate the underground system leading to the HBC.
4. Ocean Blue shall decontaminate the HBC.
5. The START contractor shall provide assistance to OCPW in the assessment of the sediment in the HBC to determine if there is oil contamination in the sediment. OSC Wise has initiated a START TDD and directed the START to prepare a SAP for this sampling event.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Ocean Blue will continue to pressure wash the underground system. It is anticipated that it will be completed by the end of the operational period on February 1, 2010 @1000 hours.

2.2.2 Issues

Although the source of the spill has been discovered, the cause is still under investigation by EPA, HBFD and CADFG.

2.3 Logistics Section

All spill cleanup logistical issues are being handled by the Ocean Blue.

Government Resources: 2 PST

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

The site safety officer for the site is the PST. All Permit Required Confined Space Entry Permits are being reviewed by PST and the Confined Space Rescue Team with HBFD.

2.6 Liaison Officer

NA

2.7 Information Officer

2.7.1 Public Information Officer

A joint press release from the Unified Command has been issued by CADFG. On February 1, 2010, OSC Wise gave an interview to the Los Angeles Times.

2.7.2 Community Involvement Coordinator

NA

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

The Unified Command consists of EPA, CADFG, OCPW and HBFD.

Operations Section Chief is PST

Site Safety Officer is PST

Liason Officer is HBFD.

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

Other agencies involved in the spill include: Department of Toxic Substance Control; Regional Water Quality Control Board; Department of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources; Huntington Beach Police Department, Huntington Beach Public Works, Orange County Sanitation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA and the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy.

4. Personnel On Site

OSC Wise is off-site today. PST is acting as the OSC Representative. Their are PST on-site.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.