Liaison Update #33
Date: 12/28/21

OES Report # 21-5440; NRC Report # 1318437

INCIDENT INFORMATION
Name of Incident: Pipeline P00547 Incident
Location: Orange County, San Diego County
Product details: Crude Oil
Incident Website: www.socalspillresponse.com

UC Completes Signoffs For All Shoreline Segments

Update is current as of 0800 today.

INCIDENT UPDATE
As of Monday, December 27, Unified Command completed signoffs for all shoreline segments related to the Pipeline P00547 response. The response will now enter the Post-Signoff Transition Phase, where the US Coast Guard (USCG) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) will respond to reports of oil, and if necessary, oversee cleanup efforts and collect samples for fingerprinting. Unified Command will receive briefings on the response to reports and the duration of the transition period will depend upon the frequency of tar ball and oiling incidents, along with associated fingerprinting results. Once the Unified Command determines the transition period should end, the response will officially conclude and the USCG and OSPR will return to their standard emergency response posture. Pipeline repair, Natural Resource Damage Assessment, and investigation will continue under the respective agencies’ jurisdictions (see below for more information).

NEXT STEPS FROM THE RESPONSE
The response will no longer distribute weekly written liaison updates or host stakeholder briefings. Once the response officially concludes, Unified Command will schedule a final briefing for stakeholders and distribute a final written update. Meeting notifications will be distributed through Liaison.

If new instances of oiling are observed, please contact the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802) and California Office of Emergency Services (1-800-852-7550). The tar ball reporting email will include an auto-reply that reports should be made to NRC and CalOES.
PIPELINE STATUS
The pipeline remains shutdown and the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) approved Amplify Energy’s proposed pipeline repair and flushing procedure. The temporary repair has been completed and representatives from PHMSA, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and State Fire Marshal will oversee flushing operations to remove the remaining product from the line. Questions regarding the repair and status of the line can be directed to PHMSA Public Affairs at phmsa.publicaffairs@dot.gov.

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
A Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) is a process to determine the appropriate type and amount of restoration needed to offset impacts to fisheries, wildlife, habitats, and human uses impacted by oil spills. In this incident, the Trustee Agencies participating are CDFW-OSPR, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the California State Lands Commission, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Department of the Interior represented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS).

The Trustees are evaluating the degree and extent of potential injuries that may have occurred to various natural resources as a result of the incident. Natural resources being evaluated include birds, marine mammals, fish, as well as water column, shoreline, subtidal, and marsh habitats. The Trustees are also assessing potential impacts from the incident to human uses provided by those natural resources, such as the lost use and enjoyment of public beaches and waterways. To that end, the Trustees continue to collect time-critical chemical, biological, and human use information to understand the impacts of the spill on these resources. These efforts will be on-going in coordination with response efforts by Unified Command and will continue after the response phase officially concludes.

More information on NRDA, including information on how stakeholders can participate in the NRDA process, is available through OSPR’s Pipeline P00547 NRDA website.

INVESTIGATION
Investigations related to the incident are ongoing. Information can be requested at OCOILSPILLINV@gmail.com.

CLAIMS
Community members impacted by the oil spill who need to file a claim can call 1-866-985-8366.