

Liaison Update #4: FINAL

UPDATE: 2/7/24

OES Report #24-0696; NRC Report #1390873

INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF 1500

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL UPDATE FROM OSPR LIAISON

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Date Incident Reported: February 5, 2024

Incident Name: Panama Buena Vista Release

Location: Bakersfield (Kern County)

Product details: Crude Oil

INCIDENT UPDATE

As of February 7, crews have determined that there is no remaining threat to waterways so the response will transition from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and State Fire Marshal for ongoing remediation and repair of the pipeline. The source of the leak was identified as a previously abandoned pipeline separated from Kern Energy's pipeline by a check valve. The State Fire Marshal, California Geologic Energy Management Division, and Central Valley RWQCB are investigating ownership of the leak source line. Investigation into the cause and volume released is ongoing. Oil spill response organizations remain on scene conducting cleanup and recovery efforts.

SAFETY ZONES AND CLOSURES

Bakersfield Fire Department conducted air monitoring on February 5 and the morning of February 6 and determined there was no threat to public health. Response crews continue to conduct air monitoring throughout the area and have not observed results above detection limits.

The westbound direction of Panama Lane is closed from Buena Vista Road to Turia Way. Buena Vista Elementary School operations will continue without disruption.

WILDLIFE IMPACTS

No impacted wildlife have been observed at this time. Anyone observing oiled wildlife should not attempt to capture it. Instead, please report observations of oiled wildlife to the oiled wildlife hotline at 1-877-UCD-OWCN (1-877-823-6926).

CLAIMS

Community members impacted by the response who need to file a claim can contact Gallagher Bassett Services at 1-800-437-1266 and reference report number 005851000590.

QUESTIONS

Questions related to the ongoing remediation should be directed to the Regional Water Quality Control Board project lead Chad Neptune at chad.neptune@waterboards.ca.gov. Questions related to the status of the pipeline should be directed to the California State Fire Marshal at pipelinenotification@fire.ca.gov.