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May 23, 2024

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: ANTHONY C. MARRONE, FIRE CHIEF *Anthony C. Marrone*

REPORT BACK ON BOARD MOTION ON WILMINGTON OIL SPILL

On February 6, 2024, your Honorable Board adopted a motion instructing the County of Los Angeles Fire Department (Department) and the Los Angeles County Office of Oil and Gas (OOG) to coordinate with the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to clearly understand the outcomes of the investigation of the Wilmington oil spill; and report back in writing in 30 days following the finalization of the investigation that summarizes the outcomes of the investigation and what Warren E&P, Inc., (Warren E&P) will do to ensure that this type of incident does not occur in the future (24-0549).

The Department and the OOG coordinated with CalGEM, US EPA, and Warren E&P to understand the cause of the Wilmington oil spill that occurred on January 20, 2024, at Warren E&P oil production facility located at 625 E. Anaheim St., Wilmington.

CalGEM, who has the primary regulatory authority of oil-producing facilities, investigated the release, and issued a Notice of Violation to Warren E&P on January 22, 2024 (Attachment I). Subsequently, CalGEM's legal office provided their investigation documents on April 26, 2024, and confirmed that CalGEM will pursue an administrative enforcement action against Warren E&P due to the incident.

The Department communicated with Warren E&P to ensure the company completed their internal investigation and identified the cause of the release. Warren E&P's response letter to the City of Los Angeles Office of Zoning Administration, dated March 27, 2024 (Attachment II), stated the cause of the release was a result of external corrosion caused by failure of the wrapping and coating on the pipe, resulting in galvanic corrosion.

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Warren E&P's letter also listed the following immediate preventive measures they have taken to ensure this type of incident does not occur in the future:

- Proactively replacing older lines.
- Installing emergency shut-down controls to allow for a more rapid and efficient shut down of operations in an emergency.
- Increased underground tank inspections to include annual testing for corrosion and implemented a chemical corrosion inhibition program.
- Included Pipeline Maintenance in its annual OSHA HAZWOPER Training.

Further, Warren E&P are currently in the process of implementing the following:

- Replacing older lines of the facility and ensuring testing compliance of all lines and tanks.
- Decommissioning its North Wilmington Unit Central Facility, Satellite 7 and Satellite 1 over the next four to five months, which will include more than 25,000 feet of pipelines and more than 40 wells outside the facility, as well as decommissioning the flowlines connecting the facility to those outside wells.
- Investigating if pressure transducers, which measure pressure, can be incorporated into the process to aid in emergency shutdowns.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (323) 881-6180.

ACM:ff

Attachments

c: Fesia A. Davenport
Edward Yen
Each Fire Board Deputy



NOTICE OF VIOLATION

January 22, 2024

Violation I.D. 12347335

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Mr. Kevin McCoy, Agent
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Dear Mr. McCoy:

SPILL INCIDENT, WTU LEASE, WILMINGTON FIELD

On January 20, 2024, California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) received a notification from California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), regarding a spill from a pipeline at Warren E&P, Inc. (Warren E&P) WTU lease in the Wilmington oil field.

This letter itemizes violations of the California Code of Regulations, title 14 (CCR).

Maintenance of Production Facilities and Equipment: CCR § 1777 (a) states, "Operators shall maintain production facilities in good condition and in a manner to prevent leakage or corrosion and to safeguard life, health, property, and natural resources."

Equipment/Facility Description	Violation Description	Violation Number
WTU South Gathering 10" WellSTAR Facility ID # 90323908 Component ID# 23110	Gathering line spill.	12347335

Spilled fluid and impacted media, including surface and subsurface, must be cleaned-up and the leaking pipeline must be taken out-of- service immediately. The oilfield wastes shall be disposed of properly in accordance with the applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Pipeline shall be repaired/replaced, pressure tested, and test results provided to CalGEM for review within seven days following the pressure tests. Additionally, a root cause analysis and action taken to prevent future re-occurrence must be provided to CalGEM by February 23, 2024.

Mr. Kevin McCoy, Agent
Warren E&P, Inc. (W0325)
Violation I.D. 12347335
January 22, 2024

Warren E&P shall notify CalGEM during normal business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm), Monday through Friday, once the violations have been corrected for a re-inspection.

Failure to comply with the laws of California and CalGEM may result in enforcement action including, but not limited to, issuance of a civil penalty and/or order pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 3106, 3224, 3235, 3236, and 3236.5.

If you have any questions, please contact Marc Cooper at (562)637-4400 or marc.cooper@conservation.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Grace P. Brandt Digitally signed by Grace P. Brandt
Date: 2024.01.22 13:29:27 -08'00'

Grace Brandt
Environmental and Facilities Unit Supervisor

cc: Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Ching Yin To – ching-yin.to@waterboards.ca.gov
Los Angeles Fire Department – lafdcupa@lacity.org
Los Angeles Deputy City Attorney, Jessica Brown – jessica.brown@lacity.org
Los Angeles Petroleum Administrator, Erica Blyther – erica.blyther@lacity.org
Los Angeles City Planning – planning.oildrilling@lacity.org
Los Angeles County CUPA – askhhmd@fire.lacounty.gov
Report of Occurrence File

OFFICE OF ZONING ADMINISTRATION
200 N. SPRING STREET, ROOM 763
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012-4801

March 27, 2024

Attention: COURTNEY SHUM
Associate Zoning Administrator

Dear Madame:

Re: February 12, 2024 -- CASE NO. ZA-1972-20725-O-PA1
LETTER OF COMMUNICATION

With reference to the captioned communication sent via postal service, Warren E&P provides the following information to questions raised.

Spill Incident - Actions Required by Operator

With reference to “a complete timeline of the incident as well as an update on the clean-up process Warren” provides the following:

January 20, 2024 Saturday

- 1) On Saturday January 20, 2024 at approximately 1:40 PM the Cellar 3 incident occurred and product released.
- 2) The operators immediately contacted management and initiated complete facility shut down.
- 3) Management proceeded to contact the various governmental agencies and spill responders within the requisite time.
- 4) At the same time as shut-down was occurring, containment of the product was initiated in the streets.
- 5) LAFD arrived and assisted in blocking access to the 600 block of Anaheim at 1:55 PM.
- 6) Patriot Environmental arrived and initiated cleanup of Anaheim between Eubank and Banning.
- 7) Gallagher Marine Systems, LLC contacted and the Unified Command initiated.
- 8) Patriot deployed sorbent boom at outfall at the Dominguez channel.
- 9) Unified Command commenced planning meeting.

January 21, 2024, Sunday

- 1) Cleaning of streets continued
- 2) Anaheim street opened at 7:00 PM
- 3) Containment boom in place

January 22, 2024, Monday

- 1) Waiting of City of Los Angeles DWP for access to storm drains
- 2) Cleaning Dominguez Channel

January 23, 2024

- 1) Waiting of City of Los Angeles DWP for access to storm drains

- 2) Cleaning Dominguez Channel
- 3) Started cleaning storm drains late in the afternoon

January 24, 2024

- 1) Cleaning Dominguez Channel
- 2) Cleaning storm drains

January 25, 2025

- 1) Cleaning Dominguez Channel
- 2) Cleaning storm drains

January 26, 2026 – February 4, 2024

- 1) Cleaning Dominguez Channel

February 5, 2024 – February 10, 2024

- 1) 8 million gallon sewage spill stopped cleaning operations in Dominguez Channel due to safety and health concerns (see attached news reports ABC February 9, 2024, Press-Telegram February 7, 2024, and CBS February 6, 2024)

February 11, 2024 – February 12, 2024

- 1) Cleaning operation resumed in Dominguez Channel

February 12, 2024

- 1) On Monday, February 12, the Unified Command, with representatives from the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR), Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), and Warren Resources, determined that all areas met cleanup endpoints and concluded the response (attached).

Spill Incident - Actions Required by Operator

With reference to "The Department has outlined the outstanding questions below to Warren E&P pursuant to the land use oversight established in the discretionary land use approval in Case No. ZA-1972-20725-0-PA 1":

- *Has an incident similar to the January 20, 2024 event happened before at the Drill Site?*
Warren is not aware of any other incident, similar to the incident on January 20, 2024, that may have previously occurred. Warren has not always been the operator of record at the Drill Site.
- *What was the volume of crude oil and produced water released and what was the volume recovered?*
The total recovered pollutant was 70.9 gallons (attached). Warren's initial estimates for the total release were 128 gallons of product and 4,889 gallons of water. The 70.9 gallons represents the volume of product that left the facility, while the remaining was contained inside the facility.
- *Did the material spill outside the perimeter of the Drill Site? If so, to what extent?*
Yes. Produced fluids made their way to Dominguez Channel via the storm drain system.
- *Explain the emergency procedures and protocol that facility staff followed at the time of the spill incident.*
Identify, verify, communicate, isolate/control energy and contain. Procedures followed the U.S. Coast Guard Incident Management Handbook, Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan, Marine Facility Oil Spill Contingency Plan
- *Describe any and all agencies, offices, and emergency response services that were contacted by the operator following the discovery of the leak.*
The list (potentially incomplete) of those agencies, offices, and emergency response services contacted either directly by Warren staff or contractors and other agencies is as follows: Warren Resources management,

Patriot Environmental Services, National Spill Response Center, California Office of Emergency Services, California Geological Energy Management, U.S. Coast Guard, LA HazMat, Los Angeles County Fire Department-Health Hazardous Materials Division (LACoFD HHMD), the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Unit 4), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response, Gallagher Marine Systems, LLC, LA City, AQMD, LAFD, Mr. T., KJ Construction, and Citizens for a Better Environment.

- *Identify and describe any and all post-spill incident inspections/visits that have taken place and which agencies conducted said inspections/visits.*

We are unable to identify and describe any and all post-spill incident inspections as most agencies (other than the UC) failed to sign in.

- *Did Warren E&P receive any complaints to its 24-hour hotline within 48 hours of the spill incident?*

Warren is unaware of any complaints specific to the spill incident.

- *Explain the extent that Warren E&P is cooperating with city, county, and/or state agencies to review the subsurface clean up process in the aftermath of the spill.*

Warren E&P has always and will always cooperate with city, county, and/or state agencies. The agencies in control of determining the finality of the response to the incident have made their assessment and signed off on the clean-up of the incident.

- *Explain if Warren E&P will work with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to assess any potential subsurface contamination inside the Drill Site perimeter as well as in the public right of way resulting from the January 20, 2024 spill. If there are no plans for this effort, include a justification for why Warren E&P believes a subsurface assessment and clean-up is unnecessary.*

As stated in the response to the question immediately preceding this one, Warren E&P has always and will always cooperate with city, county, and/or state agencies. Clean-up has been concluded and signed off by the Agencies in control of determining the finality of the response.

- *Provide and explain a full list of factors that could have led to the spill incident.*

Warren E&P refers you to the response made to Grace Brandt, Geologic Energy Management Division, California Department of Conservation on February 22, 2024:

“At approximately 1:40 PM, January 20, 2024 the line suffered a failure due to external corrosion. The line failed at between 5” and 10” below the surface level. After removal of the line, the level of external corrosion caused by failure of the wrapping and coating on the line itself (Figure 2) became self-evident.... The perceived cause of the failure was the separation of the base coating and wrapping immediately above the ground level allowing for water to become trapped underneath, resulting in galvanic corrosion. Over time, the wrapping became detached at its first wrap on the line. Heating, cooling, expansion and contraction resulted in further separation allowing rain water to penetrate and set up a galvanic cell.”

- *Is the recent SCAQMD Rule 1148.2 Notification (Event ID No. 8719) for maintenance acidizing on an active waterflood injection well, API No. 03727126, related to the burst pipeline and spill incident?*

The recent SCAQMD Rule 1148.2 Notification (Event ID No. 8719) has no bearing on the incident.

- *Who is the pipeline operator for the pipeline connection outside of the Banning Drill Site?*

Crimson Midstream, LLC.

In response to the question of “*The Zoning Administrator must have available accurate information regarding the Drill Site’s operation. There, the Zoning Administrator also requests the following this information be provided*”:

- *The most recent map/schematic illustration of all underground and aboveground pipelines within the Drill Site perimeter, including out-of-service pipelines.*

To be sent under separate email.

- *The Drill Site’s Pipeline Management Plan that was most recently reviewed and approved by CalGEM.*

To be sent under separate email.

- *An updated Spill Prevention Plan that includes details on notification to emergency response services and regulatory agencies, including but not limited to: CalGEM, South Coast Air Quality Management District, LAFD, LACoFD HHMD, the Petroleum Administrator, and the Zoning Administrator.*
To be sent under separate email.
- *The Root Cause Analysis requested by CalGEM in a Notice of Violation dated January 22, 2024 (Violation ID No. 12347335). See Attachment D for a copy of the CalGEM Notice of Violation.*
Attached.

In response to the question on maintenance acidizing: *“The Department requests that Warren E&P confirm if one or both of the maintenance acidizing projects have been completed and/or have begun at the Drill Site.”* Warren provides the following:

Warren E&P prides itself on trying to be an exemplary company by maintaining the highest standards of safety and compliance with the laws that govern it. To wit, Warren has not and will not acidize the two wells in question without the approval by the Department. We have been waiting for a response from the city on our notifications and until February 12, 2024, never received even an acknowledgment of the proposed work.

With reference to STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381 B OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 9:30 AM Warren E&P provides the following to address the question *“what Warren E&P will do to ensure that this type of incident does not occur in the future.”*

Warren E&P has already taken steps to ensure that this type of incident does not occur in the future:

- Warren has been proactively replacing older lines and abandoning wells outside the facility. Warren is currently completely abandoning its North Wilmington Unit Central Facility, Satellite 7 & Satellite 1 over the next 4 to 5 months, which will include more than 25,000 feet of pipelines and more than 40 wells;
- Warren has been proactively abandoning the flowlines connecting the facility to those outside wells. Currently we have only 8 wells in total, 5 active producers and 3 idle wells outside the facility that remain to be abandoned. Along with their abandonment will be the associated flowlines.
- Warren is in compliance and ensures compliance with all testing of lines and tanks needed for its operations;
- Warren has increased UT inspections, chemical coupon analysis and been proactive with its chemical corrosion inhibition programme. For example, Warren will be conducting UT testing annually rather than the every two years as required by law;
- Warren is replacing lines proactively;
- Warren has been implementing emergency shut-down controls to more effectively de-energize the processes. At present we have run the necessary wiring and are now entering the connection phase of the implementation. After that, all that will remain is the programming of the PLC's;
- Warren maintains a vigorous training programme conducted in-house and by consultants. Warren will now include Pipeline Maintenance in its annual OSHA HAZWOPER Training curriculum;
- Investigating variances allowing for higher fences/walls to aid in future containment;
- Warren has constructed and installed a deflector over the area that recently failed to aid in containment;
- Warren is investigating whether pressure transducers can be incorporated into the process to aid in emergency shut-down situations.

Warren would also like to reference the attached letter from Mr. Tim McOsker, Councilman 15th District and correct the record that there was no oil sheen identified offshore by Fish & Wildlife / OSPR (attached).

Should you have additional questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

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Millions of gallons of sewage spill into ocean at San Pedro after storm, closing beaches



By [David González](#)

Friday, February 9, 2024



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Speaking for the first time publicly after a federal raid at his properties in Los Angeles and Miami, an attorney for Sean "Diddy" Combs blasted the investigation as a "witch hunt."

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (KABC) -- The impacts of this week's unprecedented winter storm continue as some beaches in Los Angeles and Orange Counties have been ordered to close.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health advise residents and visitors to avoid contact with ocean water near Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro,

The department estimates 8 million gallons of sewage entered the Dominguez Channel on Monday. The channel flows into the ocean near Cabrillo Beach.

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts spokesman Bryan Langpap said, "We got a lot of rainwater that leaked into the sewer system and some spots we ended up without enough capacity, so the sewer was overfull and it overflowed."

Dr. Anissa Davis, the city of Long Beach's health officer, said, "It just increases so much of the amount of inflow, and so it can exceed the capacity of the system to deal with it."

She urges people to stay out of the water.

"You can be in the tens of thousands of gallons and it's still a problem so to be in the millions is just really significant," Davis said.

Posted signs warn beachgoers of the danger.

"There's a lot of infectious diseases concerns about that. You can get gastrointestinal illness, vomiting and diarrhea," Davis said.

It can also lead to skin, eye and ear infections.

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8 million-plus gallons of sewage spilled into Dominguez Channel, according to LA County update

Officials have also recorded significant sewage spills in Long Beach, Rolling Hills Estates since onslaught of unprecedented storm



Approximately 8 million gallons of untreated sewage spilled into the Dominguez Channel which discharges at Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro prompting the entire waterfront's closure Monday Feb. 5, 2024. (Contributing photographer Chuck Bennett)



By **KRISTY HUTCHINGS** | khutchings@scng.com

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Officials now estimate that roughly 8 million gallons of raw sewage spilled into the Dominguez Channel on Monday, Feb. 5 — a large uptick from the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts' [previous 5 million gallon](#) approximation.

The Monday morning sewage spill originated in Rancho Dominguez at two separate sewer cover locations on Susanna Road and Atlantic Boulevard, according to the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.

LACSD, the agency the agency charged with managing the region's wastewater and solid waste, said Monday that the 8 million gallons of sewage discharged into the Dominguez Channel and Compton Creek, which lead to POLB and the Los Angeles River, respectively.

The cause of that spill — and several other significant sewage spill in the South Bay coastal area recorded since Monday, Feb. 5 — is the pair of recent storm systems that have brought unprecedented amounts of rainfall to the region since last week.

Aside from the 8 million gallon spill into the Dominguez Channel, LACSD also reported:

–A 38,000-gallon sewage spill in Long Beach at 10th St and Grand Ave. on Thursday, Feb. 1.

–A 20,000-gallon sewage spill in Long Beach at Ultimo Ave. and Colorado St. on Thursday, Feb. 1.

–A 10,000-gallon sewage spill in Rolling Hills Estates at N. Palos Verdes Dr. and Rolling Meadows Road on Thursday, Feb. 1.

Three other sewage spills — two of which occurred in Whittier on Monday, Feb. 5 and Tuesday, Feb. 6; one in Long Beach on those same days — are also under investigation.

The amount of sewage spilled in those incidents is still pending, Sanitation Districts spokesperson Bryan Langpap said in a Tuesday, Feb. 6 statement.

Several costal areas, including Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro and all oceanwater swimming areas in Long Beach, [have been closed until further notice](#) as a result of Monday's massive sewage spill.

"The cause for all of these appears to be the same," Langpap said. "High rainfall leading to street flooding, leakage into the sanitary sewers, too much flow and an overflow."

The unprecedented rainfall, Langpap added, has put a significant strain on L.A. County's treatment plants and wastewater infrastructure.

The A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility in Carson — the county's largest wastewater treatment plant — had a low flow rate of 180 to 200 million gallons per day before the rain, Langpap said.

"Yesterday, Feb. 5, our low flow was 600 million gallons per day — and we stayed at or above that level for 12 hours," he said. "So, that's three times the normal flow and that's all from water getting into the sewer system."

L.A. County's sewer system, in addition, consists of 1,400 miles of pipe overseen by LACSD — alongside another 10,000 miles of pipe operated and maintained by its member cities.

"That is thousands of manholes across the L.A. basin," Langpap said, "and when we have a widespread, sustained rain event like this one — lots of places for leakage to occur and accumulate leading to the issues we've had."

LACSD, alongside the L.A. County Department of Public Health and the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, are all conducting water quality testing of the affected areas.

Testing began yesterday, Langpap said, though LACSD had yet to receive the results of its initial sampling by Tuesday evening.

More information about water quality is available

at publichealth.lacounty.gov/Beach and tinyurl.com/LBWaterQual.

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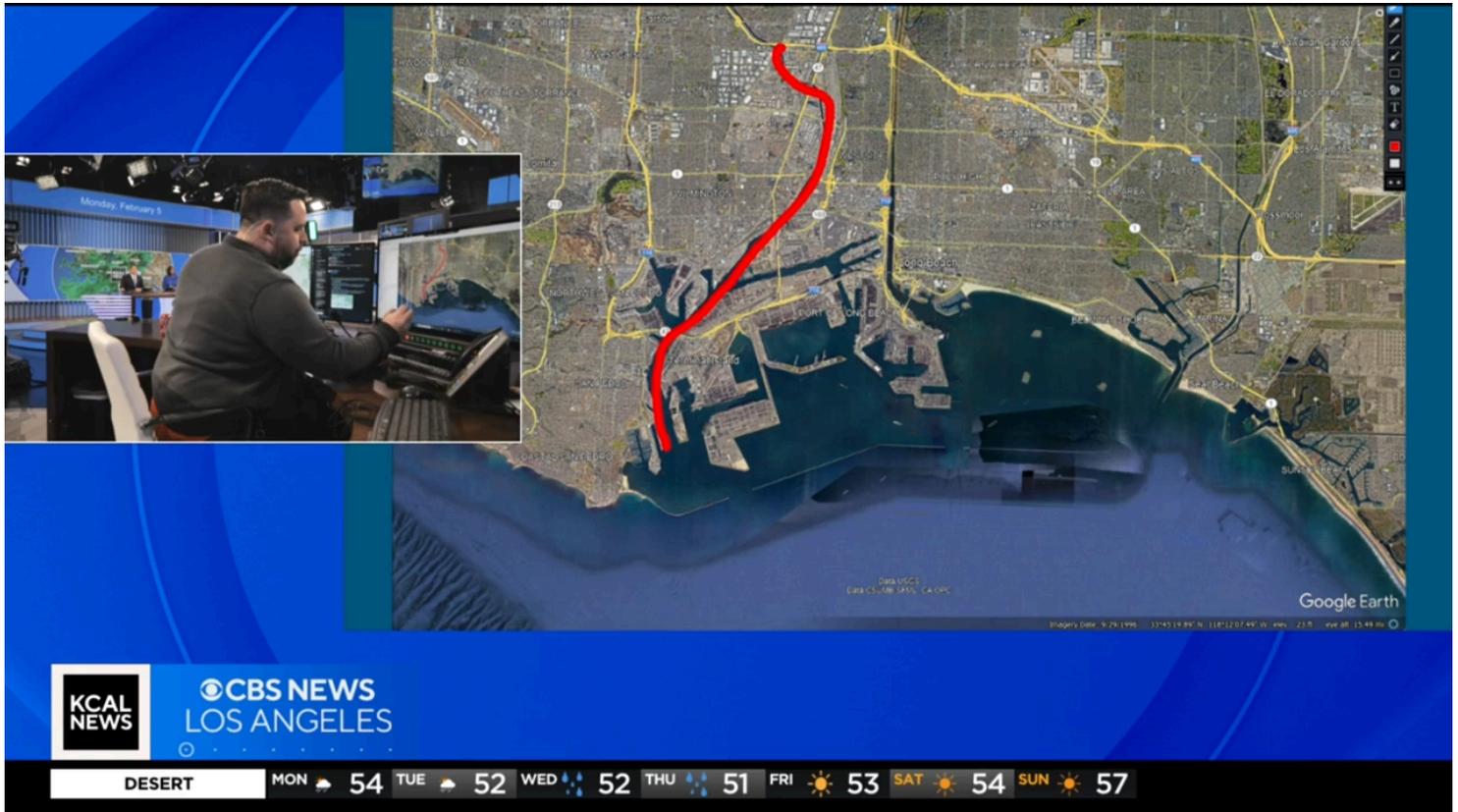
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8 million gallon sewage spill forces beach closures in San Pedro, Long Beach



By Dean Fiorese
Updated on: February 6, 2024 / 5:25 PM PST / KCAL News



A roughly 8 million-gallon sewage spill forced the closure of Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro on Monday.

The discharged sewage flooded forth from an unspecified location at around 6 a.m., according to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials. They say that the untreated sewage was dumped into the Dominguez Channel, which leads to the ocean at Cabrillo Beach.



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roughly 8 million gallons of spilled out of the unknown area. It

uch off-limits until the bacteria levels return to acceptable levels.

at spill in Commerce also happened on Monday. In this instance, Angeles River and, ultimately, the ocean.

People were already advised to avoid all ocean water throughout the county because of bacterial runoff from the powerful atmospheric river dousing the area.

Further information, including updated information on the beach closure, is available by calling 800-525-5662 or visiting the [Los Angeles County Public Health website](#).

More from CBS News

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Liaison Update #9 FINAL

UPDATE: 2/12/24



OES Report #24-0335; NRC Report #1389499

INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF 1600

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL UPDATE

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Incident Name: Anaheim Cellar 3 – 2024 Response

Date of Report: January 20, 2024

Location: Wilmington, Los Angeles County

Product details: Water/oil mixture

INCIDENT UPDATE

On Saturday, January 20, a 10-inch gathering line sprayed a water/oil mixture onto the street (600 block of E. Anaheim St., Wilmington, Los Angeles County) and nearby storm drains, with product eventually reaching the Dominguez Channel. On Monday, February 12, the Unified Command, with representatives from the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR), Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), and Warren Resources, determined that all areas met cleanup endpoints and concluded the response. No impacted wildlife was observed throughout the response. Investigation into the cause of the incident, the volume released, and volume recovered is ongoing.

CLAIMS

Community members impacted by the response who need to file a claim can call 312-580-1900 and reference Claim Number GG09C00027204-A.

QUESTIONS

Media inquiries can be directed to CDFW-OSPR Public Information Officer Eric Laughlin at 916-214-3279. Questions from elected officials and agency staff can be directed to CDFW-OSPR Liaison Officer Jenna Driscoll at ospriaison@wildlife.ca.gov or 916-952-3317.



Date: 03/13/2024

QUANTIFICATION OF RECOVERED POLLUTANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 14 SECTION 877.1

This documents the agreement between Warren E & P and Department of Fish and Wildlife OSPR on the quantity of pollutant recovered in response to Anaheim Cellar 3-2024, Date: 01/20/2024, Time: 1444, Location: 625 East Anaheim Street, Wilmington 90744

CalEMA# 24-0335

Quantification is based on tank gauging, visual assessment, sampling analysis, manifests, weight tickets, facility diagrams and documents related to the incident response.

RECOVERED LIQUIDS

We estimate that **10 gallons** were recovered from Frac Tank number A3413 – cleaning process of Anaheim Street. **Top Side Operations**

We estimate that **2.2 gallons** were recovered from Frac Tank number A3636- cleaning operations of the storm drains-catch basins. Also, decontamination operations of containment boom and punts. **LA 200D Outfall Operations**

RECOVERED SOLIDS

We estimate that **20.4 gallons** were recovered from bins (soil, sorbents, PPE, and vegetation) **Top Side Operations**

We estimate that **38.3 gallons** were recovered from bins (soil, sorbents, PPE, and vegetation) **LA 200D Outfall Operations**

Total recovered pollutant: **70.9 gallons**

This agreement is subject to change if additional information is brought forward, found, or provided.

Claudio Herrera

Oil Spill Prevention Specialist
Department of Fish and Wildlife OSPR

(Responsible Party Rep.)
(Company Name)

February 22, 2024

Dear Grace:

Re: SPILL INCIDENT, WTU LEASE, WILMINGTON FIELD
WTU South Gathering 10", WellSTAR Facility ID # 90323908
Component ID# 23110, Violation Number: 12347335

With reference your email of January 22, 2024 (following) paragraph: "Maintenance of Production Facilities and Equipment", Warren hereby submits its root cause analysis and action taken to prevent future re-occurrence.

The line in question was installed in the late 1970's as part of the Exxon waterflood. This would mean the line had performed flawlessly for more than 40 years until its failure on January 20, 2024. This particular line was tested and witnessed by CalGEM (assigned to Timothy Clarke (9779)) on June 16, 2023 at 126 psi or 168% of the normal operating pressure of 70-75 psi.



Figure 1: January 20, 2024

At approximately 1:40 PM, January 20, 2024 the line suffered a failure due to external corrosion (Figure 1). The line failed at between 5" and 10" below the surface level.

After removal of the line, the level of external corrosion caused by failure of the wrapping and coating on the line itself (Figure 2) became self-evident.



Figure 2: Close up of corrosion from above

A side view of the same area (Figure 3) shows the depth to which corrosion occurred and the resulting loss of structural metal. The perceived cause of the failure was the separation of the base coating and wrapping immediately above the ground level allowing for water to become trapped underneath, resulting in galvanic corrosion. Over time the wrapping became detached at its first wrap on the line. Heating, cooling, expansion and contraction resulted in further separation allowing rain water to penetrate and set up a galvanic cell. Rain water in Los Angeles will not be pure and clean but tending towards acidity creating an electrolyte needed for corrosion (author's hypothesis).

Warren has abandoned the line for use and redirected flow through lines that have been both ultrasonically and pressure tested. Warren staff are reviewing methodologies that can be employed, either through testing, monitoring or inspections to achieve a zero incident goal.



Figure 3: Close up of corrosion from side

Should you have additional questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

Kevin McCoy, PE
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

January 22, 2024

Violation I.D. 12347335

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Mr. Kevin McCoy, Agent
 Warren E&P, Inc. (W0325)
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Dear Mr. McCoy:

SPILL INCIDENT, WTU LEASE, WILMINGTON FIELD

On January 20, 2024, California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) received a notification from California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), regarding a spill from a pipeline at Warren E&P, Inc. (Warren E&P) WTU lease in the Wilmington oil field.

This letter itemizes violations of the California Code of Regulations, title 14 (CCR).

Maintenance of Production Facilities and Equipment: CCR § 1777 (a) states, "Operators shall maintain production facilities in good condition and in a manner to prevent leakage or corrosion and to safeguard life, health, property, and natural resources."

Equipment/Facility Description	Violation Description	Violation Number
WTU South Gathering 10" WellSTAR Facility ID # 90323908 Component ID# 23110	Gathering line spill.	12347335

Spilled fluid and impacted media, including surface and subsurface, must be cleaned-up and the leaking pipeline must be taken out-of- service immediately. The oilfield wastes shall be disposed of properly in accordance with the applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Pipeline shall be repaired/replaced, pressure tested, and test results provided to CalGEM for review within seven days following the pressure tests. Additionally, a root cause analysis and action taken to prevent future re-occurrence must be provided to CalGEM by February 23, 2024.

Mr. Kevin McCoy, Agent
Warren E&P, Inc. (W0325)
Violation I.D. 12347335
January 22, 2024

Warren E&P shall notify CalGEM during normal business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm), Monday through Friday, once the violations have been corrected for a re-inspection.

Failure to comply with the laws of California and CalGEM may result in enforcement action including, but not limited to, issuance of a civil penalty and/or order pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 3106, 3224, 3235, 3236, and 3236.5.

If you have any questions, please contact Marc Cooper at (562)637-4400 or marc.cooper@conservation.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Grace Brandt
Environmental and Facilities Unit Supervisor

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Report of Occurrence File

MOTION

On January 20, 2024, an 8-inch gathering line on the Warren E&P facility failed and started to spray a mixture of water and crude oil onto Anaheim Street, between N. Banning Boulevard and Eubank Avenue. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) hazardous materials crews were dispatched to the site of the incident, located in the 600 block of E. Anaheim Street, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

The spill ended up running off into the streets and storm drains in Wilmington, reaching the Dominguez Channel. There are reports of oil sheens in the Wilmington marina and just offshore. The state's California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response Team (OSPR) is now looking into the environmental impact of the event. While it is not yet clear the totality of the harm that this event has caused—the City must hold the responsible party accountable for all damage and clean-up efforts.

The oil in the storm drain and the leak and spill into soil from the pipeline and the surrounding community's health and well-being are serious matters of concern for the Council Office. Entities involved in the matter that will need to be coordinated to appropriately address this matter range from the State's California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) to the more local Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) and the City's Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration (OPGNAS). An investigation into how this event occurred is warranted to ensure that the safety of the community is not compromised in the future.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB), California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), with assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration (OPGNAS), and the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), to present to the Energy & Environment Committee a report relative to the full list of factors could have led to the Wilmington oil spill event on January 20, 2024. This should also include the cause of the incident, the volume released of crude oil and the volume recovered. Additionally, the required clean-up after the contamination and the cost of full remediation for the impacted streets in Wilmington should be included in the report.

PRESENTED BY:



TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

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Morning Kevin,

The Department of Fish and Wildlife / OSPR is not currently investigating any offshore impacts from the Warren Resources discharge on January 20th, 2024. All the impacts have been isolated to the city/county streets, storm drains, and the outfall (Berth 200D) in the Dominguez Channel. I believe the wording of the motion from the City Council is misleading and incorrect. We can have a sidebar meeting on this issue sometime today.

FYI, I've also included US EPA, LACO Health Hazmat, our LOFR and PIO to this email response back, they should be in the know....I'm also including the attachment of the City Council Motion.

Regards,

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Patrol Lieutenant #511

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What do we know about oil sheens offshore related to our incident?