



Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Incident Notification

DATE: April 5, 2025

TYPE OF ALARM: Oil/Fuel Spill in Waterway

LOCATION: Sugar Barge Marina - Bethel Island

RESPONSE: Marine Response with HazMat

ASSISTING AGENCIES: USCG, Sherriff, OAS, County Environmental Health, Fish and Game

TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 24

On April 5, 2025, at approximately 1920 hours, Battalion 9 and Investigator 80 were conducting a night drill with Fireboat 9 and Drone 80 at the Sugar Barge Marina. A tow boat approached and reported a large sheen on the water near the launch ramps and boat berths. In response, Battalion 9 requested a Hazardous Materials/Marine response and established the Sugar Barge Incident Command (IC). The responding units included HM-87 (Pittsburg Station 87), E-15 (Lafayette Station 15), Fireboat 9 (Bethel Island Station 95), Rescue Boat 81 (Antioch Station 81), the Oil Spill Response Trailer (Pittsburg Station 85), and District 1.

The Contra Costa Regional Communications Center notified the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office (CCSO), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Emergency Services (OES), and County Hazardous Materials (HazMat) teams. Fireboat 9 and Drone 80 surveyed the area to assess the extent of the spill. Upon arrival, HM-87 set up air monitoring, sampled the water in the area of the sheen (no substances were detected in any quantity), contacted County HazMat, and made notifications to the National Response Center (NRC). Sugar Barge IC coordinated with the USCG Station San Francisco via cell phone.

The Marine units (Fireboat 9 and Rescue Boat 81) used tide tables to determine the optimal placement of protective booms to contain the sheen. Upon arrival of the Boom Trailer,

approximately 300-400 feet of boom were deployed in the marina with the assistance of Fireboat 9 and Rescue Boat 81. The scene was subsequently turned over to the Sugar Barge Marina, and all cooperating agencies were notified that all Contra Costa Fire resources would be clearing the scene.

Contra Costa County Fire marine units played an integral part working with other agencies in an effort to place fish, wildlife, and the environment as a top priority for this incident.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



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