

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors



Plains All-American Pipeline Refugio Oil Spill Emergency Permit

15EMP-00000-00005

July 21, 2015

Recommended Action

- Report to the Board regarding July 3, 2015 issuance of the Emergency Permit for the Refugio Oil Spill Response.
- Board action is to:
 1. Receive and file this report, and
 2. Determine that this action is exempt pursuant to CEQA

Spill Site



A

Section 1 - Release Site

B

Section 2 - Drainage Pipe

C

Section 3 - Culvert

D

Section 4 - Bluff

E

Approximate Bluff Edge

Section 5 - Beach

Ruptured 24" Pipe



Spill Site and Cliff Face



Oiled Rocks and Cliffs



Oiled Beaches



Unified Command



- Emergency response led by Unified Command: US Coast Guard, US EPA, CDFW Office of Spill Prevention and Response, County OEM, Plains
- County P&D role – Emergency permitting and EQAP monitoring

Emergency Response Actions



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Emergency Permit (EMP)

- Verbal and email authorization for response operations issued on May 20, 2015
- Formal EMP issued July 3, 2015
- Emergency permits also issued by City of Goleta and California Coastal Commission.

Next Steps

- EMP requires a follow-on Coastal Development Permit, with full environmental review and a hearing before the Zoning Administrator
- Coordinate with City of Goleta and California Coastal Commission, with County P&D as CEQA Lead Agency
- Continued EQAP monitoring

Staff Recommendations

- Receive and file this report on Emergency Permit 15EMP-00000-00005.
- Accept that the issuance of the Emergency Permit is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant CEQA Guideline section 15269(c).
- Determine that receiving and filing this report is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

End of Staff Presentation

Questions?