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Environmental Response to Oil Spills in California *Presented by OSPR and NOAA*

Interactive course provides spill responders:

- ◆ Introduction to effects of oil in the environment
- ◆ Environmental risk
- ◆ Scientific basis for minimizing environmental impacts and maximizing recovery
- ◆ Tools and techniques to assess and cleanup an oil spill
- ◆ Unique response resources available in California

When: March 23-27, 2015

Where: Bakersfield, California

March 23 – Travel a.m./half day p.m.

March 24 – Whole Day

March 25 – Whole Day

March 26 – Whole Day

March 27 - Half day a.m. /travel pm.

Who should attend: Recommended for spill responders from Cal Dept. Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response; other state, local and federal agencies; industry, Oil Spill Response Organizations, and consultants involved with California pollution response.

TOPICS:

- The nature of oil: chemistry, weathering, and it's behavior in the environment
- Oil spill cleanup issues regarding various countermeasures and environmental trade-off
- The effects of oil on wildlife and ecosystems
- How clean is clean?
- Tools to identify resources at risk
- An introduction to Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)
- Legal issues surrounding cleanup and Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species
- Laboratory support services for the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oiled wildlife care and rehabilitation
- Benefits and uses of GIS and GPS during spill response

****PLUS**** Two field sessions to examine a variety of habitats, practice shoreline assessment techniques, and evaluate environmental trade-off decisions.

REGISTRATION FEES: NONE

HOW TO REGISTER: Email Alexia Retallack at alexia.retallack@wildlife.ca.gov by February 10, 2015. **Please include your name, contact information, agency information and agency position.** Final class attendees are chosen by a committee to meet agency training requirements and to allow for broad stakeholder involvement. Selected attendees will receive a confirmation email will by February 18, 2015.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION: There is a block of rooms set aside for the course. Information on how to book is included in the confirmation email for those attending.