

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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News Release

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To: All News Media, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Subject: OIL SPILL – GREKA BRADLEY LAND LEASE
Contact: Captain Eli Iskow, 805 689-0599

At 6:59 am this morning The Santa Barbara County Fire Department responded to a reported oil spill near Central Coast Sod, 3610 Telephone Road, Santa Maria. The Engine Company was escorted through that property by an employee to Greka Oil - Bradley Land Lease where the spill had occurred. They found that a pipe flange on Flow Line #5 that feeds the Bradley Three Island facility had failed at an unknown time and sprayed crude oil and produced water onto an agricultural field. The spill ran a distance of approximately 700 feet following gravity where it pooled next to a dirt service road. Greka employees using a vacuum truck are the process of picking up the fluids, and are also picking up contaminated soil. Greka's estimate of spilled fluid is 20 barrels (840 gallons). County Fire Hazardous Materials Unit is on-scene investigating. Greka has shut down the well feeding the flow line and the spill has stopped.

LIFE SAFETY MESSAGE: *REPORT SUSPICIOUS SPILLS OR NOXIOUS ODORS IN THE ENVIORNMENT TO 911.

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