

# Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment



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## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** November 19, 2013

**SUBJECT:** OIL SPILL FISHERIES CLOSURE RECOMMENDATION, VENTURA HARBOR SPILL

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The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has been informed of an oil spill in Ventura Harbor.

Adequate information is not currently available for OEHHA to determine the potential threat to public health from fishing or shellfish harvesting in the affected area or from consuming fish or shellfish from the area. OEHHA recommends that a fishing and shellfish harvesting closure be initiated for the entire Ventura Harbor to the exterior breakwater boundaries, to include the residential canals to the north, pending receipt of additional information to determine the degree and nature of any potential public health threat posed by the spill. Additionally, OEHHA is advising that fishers avoid fishing in areas where there is visible sheen on the water.

If you have questions, please contact me at (916) 322-6325.

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