

OR WA Mystery Oiling Event 2024



Incident Overview

- Started May 19, 2024
- 113 Responders
- 14 Agencies
- 300 miles of beach surveyed
- 36 miles of beach cleaned in Oregon and Washington
- 427 SCAT reports
- 106 surveyed wildlife encounters



Challenges

- Portland Rose Festival
- Fleet Week
- Holiday weekend
- Multiple States
- No Responsible Party





Key Response Action



Oiled Wildlife

SCAT Teams

- 427 SCAT reports
- 300 miles of beach surveyed
- Survey 123



Operations

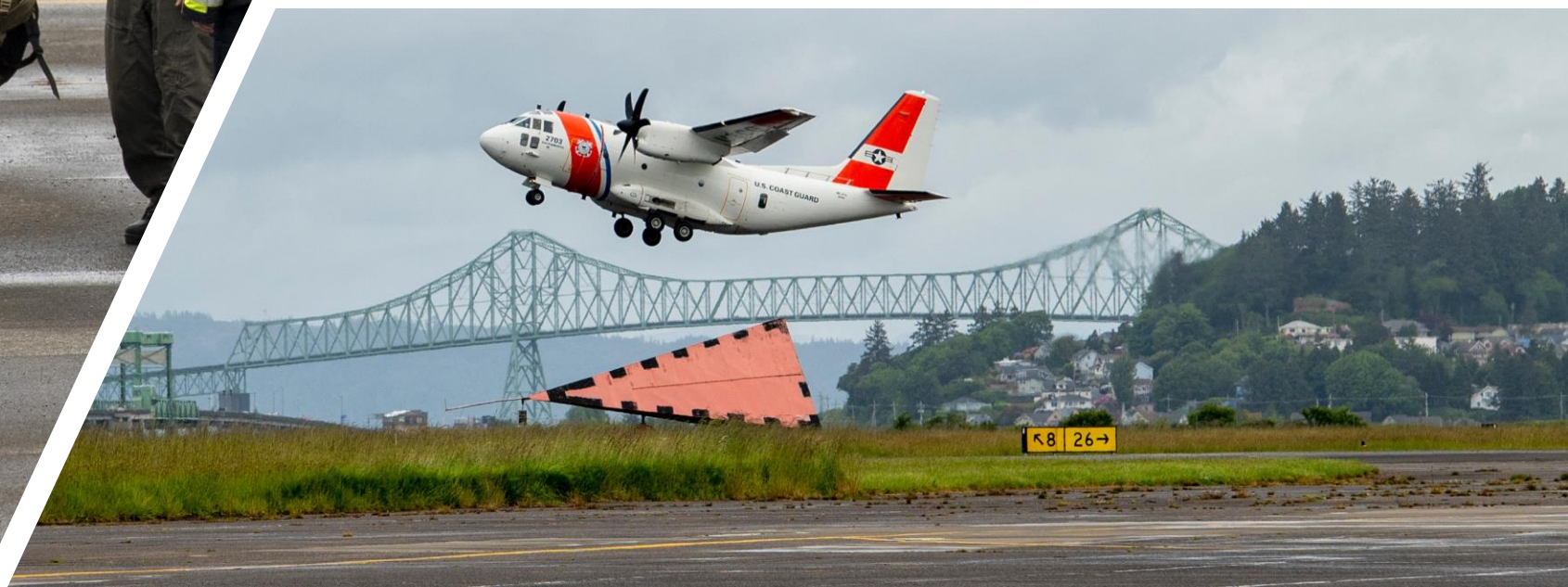
- 36 miles of beach cleaned in Oregon and Washington
- 2,000 pounds oily debris





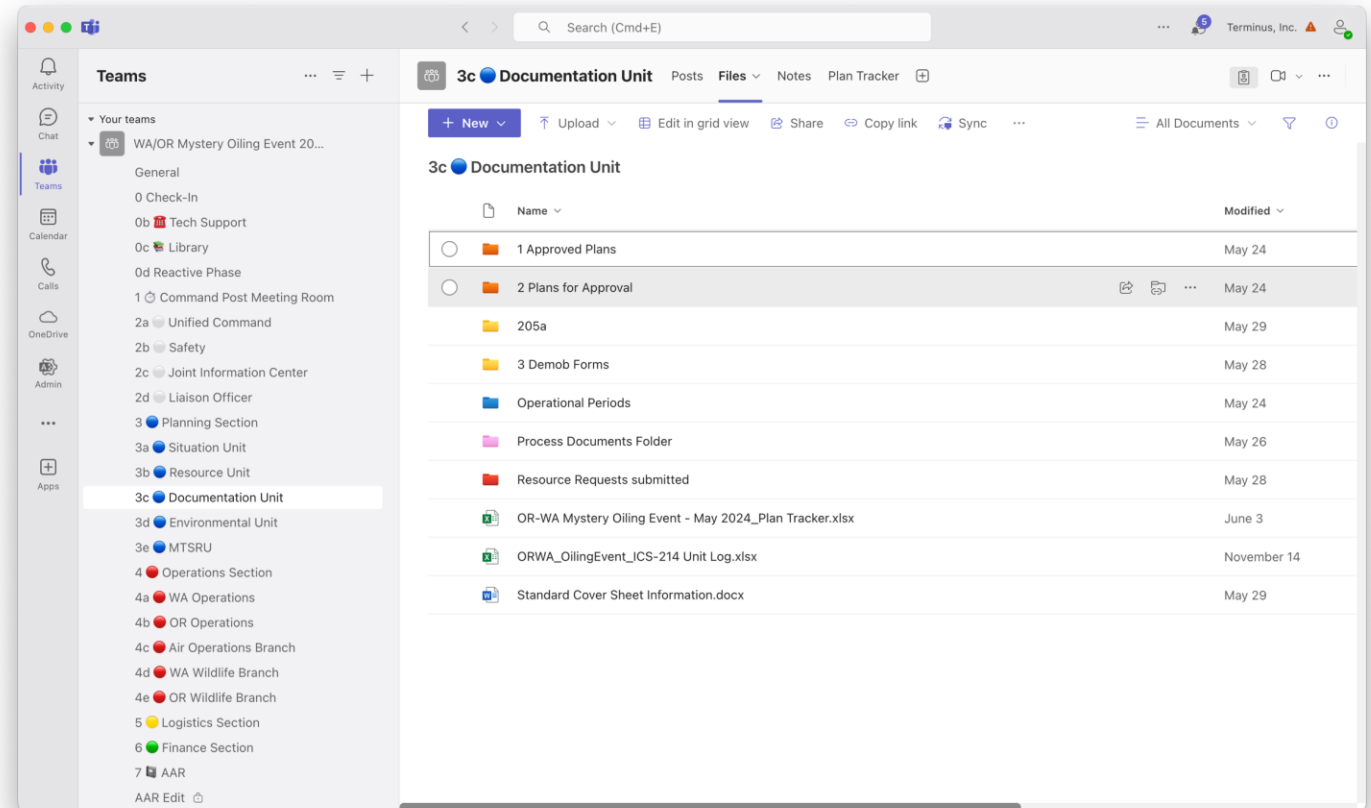






Virtual Command Post

- Microsoft Teams
- Terminus, Inc.
- 120 Participants



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- All UC signatures
- Plan management

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1. Incident Name OR/WA Mystery Oiling Event - May 2024		2. Operational Period to be covered by IAP (Date/Time) From: 28 May 2024 / 0800 To: 30 May 2024 / 0800		CG IAP COVER SHEET
3. Approved by Incident Commander(s):				
ORG	NAME			
USCG	CDR Bonnie Stewart		5/28/2024	
ODEQ	Kevin Chan		5/28/2024	
ECY	Dave Byers		5/28/2024	
INCIDENT ACTION PLAN The items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan:				
☒ ICS 202-CG (Incident Objectives)				
☒ ICS 202A-CG (Command Direction) and ICS 202B-CG (Critical Information Requirements)				
☒ ICS 203-CG (Organization List) – OR – ICS 207-CG (Organization Chart)				
☒ ICS 204-CGs (Assignment Lists) One Copy each of any ICS 204-CG attachments:				
☒ ICS 205-CG (Communications Plan)				
☐ ICS 206-CG (Medical Plan)				
☐ ICS 208-CG (Site Safety Plan) or Note SSP Location				
☒ Map / Chart				
☒ Weather Forecast / Tides/Currents				
Other Attachments				
☒ Inadvertent Discovery Plans				
☒ Demobilization Plan				
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4. Prepared by: Ashley Sandquist (dPSC)		Date/Time 28 May 2024 / 1630		

ICS 204-CG (Rev 09/13)

Liaison & PIO

- Busy tourist week
- Tar balls on Cannon Beach
- 54 weddings in the hot zone



5/25/2024

Oiling on Oregon and Washington Beaches

Oily, tar-like substances washed ashore in late May along sections of north and central Oregon and southern Washington beaches.



CURRENT SITUATION

- State and federal agencies are testing samples to identify the substance and are working to remove tar balls for public and wildlife safety.
- Source and make-up of the substance are currently unknown, testing is underway.
- Please leave clean-up to professional responders. Crews are actively working to address the affected areas.

Scan QR link or visit ordeq.org/beam-tar for most up-to-date information



VISITING THE BEACH?

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Try to avoid touching or handling the tar balls or any other oily material.
- Keep children and pets away.

WILDLIFE:

- Report oiled birds or other wildlife to 1-800-22-BIRDS (1-800-222-4737). For the animals' safety and yours, don't pick up the animal.

REMOVAL IF ENCOUNTERED:

- Gently wipe off with paper towels and use soap and water, baby oil or dishwashing detergent that cuts grease.

PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIMS:
United States Coast Guard, NPFC Claims Division
HQS-SMB-NPFC-ClaimsInfo@uscg.mil
800-280-7118 for information



If ingested, call the National Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 or visit poison.org



Additional questions? CALL 211 or visit 211info.org

Recommendations

- Establish a unified Environmental Unit across jurisdictions
- Establish a unified Wildlife Branch across jurisdictions
- Improve virtual command post readiness
- Develop scalable survey and response strategies for shoreline oiling.

Future Mystery Oiling Events

- 2022 "Oil in the Sea IV" report
- 236 large sunken wrecks in North American waters
- 600,000 to six million barrels of oil