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POLLUTED SEA BIRDS LINKED TO TESORO HAWAII OIL SPILL

The U.S. Coast Guard has identified the source of oil on two birds and two tar balls found earlier this week as that of Tesoro Hawaii Corporation's spill of ship fuel, according to Captain Frank Whipple, commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Honolulu.

The spill was the result of an accidental failure of a hose at Tesoro Hawaii's single point mooring off Barbers Point on August 24th. The Coast Guard, the state Department of Health and Tesoro Hawaii responded to that spill immediately and clean-up efforts were completed two weeks ago. Tesoro Hawaii's single point mooring, located a mile and a half offshore, is a floating buoy used to transfer crude oil and refined products between ships and the refinery on shore.

Nathan Hokama, Tesoro Hawaii spokesperson, stated: "We regret that the accidental hose failure has impacted the environment and birds. We will continue to work with the Coast Guard as well as federal and state agencies to take any further action they deem necessary."

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The birds are being treated at Sea Life Park in Makapuu, Oahu, and at the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife Maui veterinary service office on Maui. Tesoro Hawaii and the Clean Islands Council, an oil spill response cooperative, have provided vital logistical support, resources, and equipment for the Maui facility. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is providing expertise and assistance.

Only properly trained people should attempt to capture the polluted birds because the birds may attack. If oiled birds are sighted, please call the Coast Guards Marine Safety Office in Honolulu at 522-8264. The after hours number is 927-0830.

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Contact: Oil Spill Response Center
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Release Number: 1

Single Point Mooring Hose Spill Update: Clean Up Efforts Continue

(Honolulu, Hawaii) The U.S. Coast Guard, State of Hawaii and Tesoro Hawaii are continuing their joint oil spill clean up efforts on and offshore of the island of Kauai. The following is an update on the single point mooring hose spill:

- Small oil tar balls have washed ashore on three Kauai beaches -- Nukoli'i Beach, Barking Sands and Polihale Beach. The amount of oil at Nukoli'i and Polihale is minimal, and the amount of oil at Barking Sands is currently being assessed. Clean up efforts are underway and proceeding smoothly. Tesoro Hawaii is working with the U.S. Coast Guard and Clean Islands Council, an oil spill response cooperative, in the clean up efforts.
- More than 30 individuals from oil spill response contractors are now participating in the clean up efforts on Kauai. Oil spill response officials are strongly advising Kauai residents and visitors to avoid those beaches to allow the clean up crews to continue their work.

Background:

- On August 24, Tesoro Hawaii experienced a failure of a hose at Tesoro Hawaii's single point mooring off Barbers Point. The Coast Guard, the state Department of Health and Tesoro Hawaii responded to that spill and immediately mobilized clean up efforts.
- During the weekend of September 5, small amounts of oil had been found in a few locations on Kauai's northeastern shoreline. The oil was immediately cleaned. Numerous surveys by

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helicopter and boat along the coasts of Kauai had been conducted since last week and no visible oil on the water was sighted.

- On September 11, the U.S. Coast Guard identified the source of oil on two birds and two tar balls found earlier in the week as that of Tesoro Hawaii Corporation's spill of ship fuel.

- Since September 5, 20 oiled sea birds have been found. The birds which have been found include red-footed boobies, a brown booby and a petrel. Ten of the birds have died and the remaining birds are being treated. Birds found are being cared for and treated at Sea Life Park and at a facility established by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kauai to provide initial care for the birds. Also, a treatment and rehabilitation center has been established at the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui veterinary services office to care for the birds. Tesoro Hawaii and the Clean Islands Council have provided logistical support and equipment for the Maui facility. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is providing expertise and assistance.

If Kauai residents see oiled birds, they may call the Hawaii Spill Response Center at (808) 847-8718. After hours, residents may call the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office at (808) 927-0830.

A claims number has been established by Tesoro Hawaii. The phone number is 532-9425.

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Date: September 13, 1998 Time: 10:30 a.m.

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Release Number: 2

Barking Sands and Polihale Beach Clean Up Demobilized

(Honolulu, Hawaii) The following is an update on the single point mooring spill clean up efforts:

- Clean up has stopped on two of the three beaches that had small tar balls wash ashore on Kauai yesterday although monitoring may be conducted, as appropriate. The U.S. Coast Guard, State of Hawaii and Tesoro Hawaii are continuing their joint oil spill clean up efforts on Kauai and responded to reports of tar balls at Nukoli'i Beach, Barking Sands and Polihale Beach. Beach surveys showed little, if any oil at Barking Sands and Polihale, and by the end of the day, the clean up at those beaches was completed however beaches will continue to be monitored. Tar balls were also found at Fuji Beach and clean up at that beach is underway. Clean up efforts at Nukoli'i Beach are continuing and proceeding smoothly.
- The State Department of Health has closed Fuji Beach and Nukoli'i Beach due to the tar balls in the area and to allow the clean up to continue.
- According to the State Department of Health, the tar balls pose no immediate danger to human health. If anyone experienced skin contact with a tar ball they should use hand cleaners, such as Lava, Citrikleen, or the type of soap used by mechanics, to remove the tar. They should not use a solvent to remove the tar.

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- More than 150 people from the U.S. Coast Guard, Tesoro Hawaii, the State of Hawaii and various oil spill response contractors are now participating in the clean up efforts at the Oil Spill Response Center in Honolulu and throughout Kauai.

- Tesoro Hawaii is working with the U.S. Coast Guard, Clean Islands Council and the Marine Spill Response Corporation, two oil spill response cooperatives, in the clean up efforts.

- Oil spill response teams are continuing ongoing survey work of all Kauai beaches to determine if more tar balls may have washed ashore.

- Two additional oiled birds were found and captured yesterday. The birds were sent to the treatment and rehabilitation center at the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui veterinary services office. A total of 22 oiled birds have been found. The birds include red-footed boobies, a brown booby and a petrel. Ten of the birds have died and the remaining birds are being treated. In addition to the Maui treatment and rehabilitation center, birds are being cared for and treated at Sea Life Park and at a facility established by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kauai to provide initial care for the birds. Tesoro Hawaii and the Clean Islands Council have provided logistical support and equipment for the Maui facility. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is providing expertise and assistance.

- The Hawaii Forestry and Wildlife's Maui Veterinary Services Offices (MVSO), which is conducting the rehabilitation activities for birds on Maui, are seeking volunteers to assist with the care of the birds from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Also, donations of bath towels for the bird cages and food for the volunteers would be appreciated. Individuals, who are at least 18 years old, interested in volunteering should contact Dr. Greg Massey with the MVSO at (808) 572-3502. The MVSO is located at 2600 Piihola Road in Makawao.

If Kauai residents see oiled birds, they may call the Hawaii Spill Response Center at (808) 847-8718. After hours, residents may call the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office at (808) 927-0830.

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A claims number has been established by Tesoro Hawaii. The phone number is (808) 532-9425 on Oahu. Neighbor Islands can call 1-800-900-3717 to reach Brandvold & Associates.

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Correction*

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Date: September 14, 1998

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Contact: Oil Spill Response Center
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Release Number: 3

Fuji Beach Now Being Assessed for Possible Reopening

(Honolulu, Hawaii) Captain Frank Whipple, commander of the U.S. Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office and David Hoffman, Tesoro Hawaii's manager - environmental affairs and emergency response, flew to Kauai yesterday to assess the clean up efforts. The following is an update on the beaches and the oil spill clean up efforts now underway:

- The tar balls at Fuji Beach (eastern side of Kauai) have been removed and the beach wall was cleaned. An assessment of the beach is being conducted to determine if it can be reopened.
- Oiled boulders and tar balls were found on the shore in the Kipukai area, near the southeastern part of Kauai and a nine-man response team is currently cleaning the area.
- Thirty oil spill responders are on-site at Nukoli'i Beach (eastern side of Kauai) and clean up is proceeding smoothly. The beach is still closed to allow the clean up to continue.
- Tar balls were sighted at ~~Kaunua Bay~~ ^{Kilauea Bay} on Kauai's north shore. The tar balls were removed and a reassessment of the area is being conducted.
- According to the State Department of Health, the tar balls pose no danger to human health. If anyone experiences skin contact with a tar ball they should use hand cleaners, such as Lava,

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Citrikleen, or the type of soap used by mechanics, to remove the tar. They should not use a solvent to remove the tar.

- The latest count of oiled birds found is 26. Of those, 13 are being treated and 13 are dead. The birds are being treated at the treatment and rehabilitation center at the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui veterinary services office, Sea Life Park and at a facility established by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kauai which provides initial care for the birds. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is providing expertise and assistance. Tesoro Hawaii and the Clean Island Council continue to provide logistical support, equipment and materials for the Maui facility.
- The Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui Veterinary Services Offices (MVSO), which is conducting the rehabilitation activities for birds on Maui, is seeking volunteers to assist with the care of the birds from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Individuals, who are at least 18 years old, interested in volunteering should contact Dr. Greg Massey with the MVSO at (808) 572-3502. The MVSO is located at 2600 Piihola Road in Makawao.
- More than 150 people from the U.S. Coast Guard, Tesoro Hawaii, the State of Hawaii and various oil spill response contractors are now participating in the clean up efforts at the Oil Spill Response Center in Honolulu and throughout Kauai. Tesoro Hawaii is working with the U.S. Coast Guard, Clean Islands Council and the Marine Spill Response Corporation, two oil spill response cooperatives, in the clean up efforts.
- Oil spill response teams are continuing ongoing survey work of all Kauai beaches to determine if more tar balls may have washed ashore.

If Kauai residents see oiled birds, they may call the Hawaii Spill Response Center at (808) 847-8718.

After hours, residents may call the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office at (808) 927-0830.

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Date: September 15, 1998

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Oil Spill Response Center
Joint Information Center
(808) 842-5058

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Release Number: 4

Clean Up and Assessment of Three Kauai Beaches Continues

(Honolulu, Hawaii) The oil spill unified command announced that they are continuing to clean and assess three Kauai beaches. The following is an update as of September 15:

- The tar balls at Fuji Beach (eastern side of Kauai) were removed and the beach wall was cleaned. Fuji Beach is still closed, however, an assessment of the beach is being conducted to determine when the beach can be reopened.
- Twenty-five oil spill responders are on-site at Nukoli'i Beach (eastern side of Kauai) and clean up is proceeding smoothly. The beach is still closed to allow the clean up to continue.
- Clean up in the Kipu Kai area is continuing. A team of seven responders are cleaning up the area.
- No oil was reported on the northern and western coasts of Kauai.
- A survey was conducted of the southeastern shoreline of Niihau and no oil was observed.
- According to the State Department of Health, the tar balls pose no danger to human health. If anyone experiences skin contact with a tar ball they should use hand cleaners, such as Lava,

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Citrikleen, or the type of soap used by mechanics, to remove the tar. They should not use a solvent to remove the tar.

- The latest count of oiled birds found is 29. Of those, 14 are being treated and 15 are dead. The birds are being treated at the treatment and rehabilitation center at the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui veterinary services office, Sea Life Park and at a facility established by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kauai which provides initial care for the birds. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is providing expertise and assistance. Tesoro Hawaii and the Clean Island Council continue to provide logistical support, equipment and materials for the Maui facility.
- The Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui Veterinary Services Offices (MVSO), which is conducting the rehabilitation activities for birds on Maui, is seeking volunteers to assist with the care of the birds from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Individuals, who are at least 18 years old, interested in volunteering should contact Dr. Greg Massey with the MVSO at (808) 572-3502. The MVSO is located at 2600 Piiholo Road in Makawao.
- More than 150 people from the U.S. Coast Guard, Tesoro Hawaii, the State of Hawaii and various oil spill response contractors are now participating in the clean up efforts at the Oil Spill Response Center in Honolulu and throughout Kauai. Tesoro Hawaii is working with the U.S. Coast Guard, Clean Islands Council and the Marine Spill Response Corporation, two oil spill response cooperatives, in the clean up efforts.
- Oil spill response teams are continuing ongoing survey work of all Kauai beaches to determine if more tar balls may have washed ashore.

If Kauai residents see or find oiled birds, they should call the Hawaii Spill Response Center at (808) 847-8718 as soon as possible. After hours, residents may call the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office at (808) 927-0830. A claims number has been established by Tesoro Hawaii. The phone number is (808) 532-9425 on Oahu. Neighbor Islands can call 1-800-900-3717 to reach Brandvold & Associates.

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Date: September 16, 1998 Time: 12:30 p.m.

Contact: Oil Spill Response Center
Joint Information Center
(808) 842-5058

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Release Number: 5

Fuji Beach Reopened

(Honolulu, Hawaii) The following is an update on the beaches and the oil spill clean up efforts now underway:

- Fuji Beach has been inspected and reopened by the State Department of Health. The Marine Spill Response Corporation oil spill response vessel which has been stationed off Fuji Beach has found no oil in the water.
- Nukoli'i Beach is being inspected by the State Department of Health to determine if the beach is clean and when it can be reopened. Nukoli'i Beach is the only beach on Kauai that is still closed. All other Kauai beaches are open.
- Small tar balls were found at Kealia Beach (north of Nukoli'i Beach) and clean up was conducted. Kealia Beach was inspected by the State Department of Health and is clean. Kealia Beach was never closed.
- A team of responders are continuing to clean up the small tar balls in the Kipu Kai area. The Clean Islands Council oil spill response vessel which has been stationed off Kipu Kai has found no oil in the water.

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- Morning and afternoon helicopter overflights of Kauai beaches are scheduled for today to continue searches for oil. Overflights conducted yesterday revealed no new oil on shore and off shore. Tesoro Hawaii and the U.S. Coast Guard are using a white commercial helicopter to survey beaches to locate any area which may have been impacted by oil so that clean up teams can be promptly dispatched.

- According to the State Department of Health, the tar balls pose no danger to human health. If anyone experiences skin contact with a tar ball they should use hand cleaners, such as Lava, Citrikleen, or the type of soap used by mechanics, to remove the tar. They should not use a solvent to remove the tar.

- One additional oiled bird was found yesterday. The total count of oiled birds found is 30. Of those, 11 are being treated and 19 are dead. The birds are being treated at the treatment and rehabilitation center at the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui veterinary services office, Sea Life Park and at a facility established by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kauai which provides initial care for the birds. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is providing expertise and assistance. Tesoro Hawaii and the Clean Island Council continue to provide logistical support, equipment and materials for the Maui facility.

- The Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui Veterinary Services Offices (MVSO), which is conducting the rehabilitation activities for birds on Maui, is seeking volunteers to assist with the care of the birds from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Individuals, who are at least 18 years old, interested in volunteering should contact Dr. Greg Massey with the MVSO at (808) 572-3502. The MVSO is located at 2600 Piiholo Road in Makawao.

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If Kauai residents see oiled birds, dead or alive, they may call the Hawaii Spill Response Center at (808) 847-8718. After hours, residents may call the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office at (808) 927-0830.

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Date: September 17, 1998 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Oil Spill Response Center
Joint Information Center
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Release Number: 6

Update on Oil Spill Clean Up Efforts

(Honolulu, Hawaii) The following is an update on the beaches and the oil spill clean up efforts now underway:

- A Hawaiian monk seal was reported to have been spotted with nickel-sized to half-dollar-sized oil stains on its underside and hindquarters, apparently from tarballs, near a cove in the Kipu Kai area off the southeastern side of Kauai.

According to John Naughton, Pacific Island Environmental Coordinator with the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region, "The small amount of oil that we saw on the seal should not pose a risk to the animal. The seal appeared to be behaving normally. If more seals are seen, we will handle the response on a case-by-case basis. However, for this case, the seal should be left alone. The stains should come off naturally as the seal molts."

"We regret that a Hawaiian monk seal has been affected by oil released due to the accidental failure of the single point mooring hose," said Nathan Hokama, Tesoro Hawaii spokesperson. "We are concerned about any effect on the environment and

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wildlife, and Tesoro Hawaii will continue to do everything necessary to clean up the oil and address its effects.”

The response effort has been tracking monk seals on Kauai since September 7 and will continue to monitor seals to determine if any are affected.

If people see any affected seals, they should not approach the seals under any circumstances. People should call the Oil Spill Response Kauai field office at (808) 245-1955 x4051. After hours, people can call the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Duty Officer in Honolulu at (808) 927-0830.

- An extensive aerial sweep off Kauai’s eastern shore by helicopter, extending from Fujii Beach down to Kipu Kai, was conducted last night using a Coast Guard infrared camera. This survey detected no oil on the water. The U.S. Coast Guard technology detects oil on the ocean surface because of the difference in the oil’s temperature from the surrounding water.
- Nukoli’i Beach is being inspected by the State Department of Health to determine if the beach is clean and when it can be reopened. Nukoli’i Beach is the only beach on Kauai that is still closed.
- This morning undersea divers have been deployed off eastern Kauai shorelines to examine the ocean bottom for possible tar balls.
- A team of responders is continuing to clean up the small tar balls in the Kipu Kai area. Small tar balls were found on an additional 100 feet of beach in the Kipu Kai area.

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Date: September 17, 1998

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Oil Spill Response Center
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Release Number: 7

Part of Nukoli'i Beach Now Open

(Honolulu, Hawaii) The following is an update on the beaches and the oil spill clean up efforts now underway:

- The state Department of Health has reopened 1,300 feet of Nukoli'i Beach, extending from Nukoli'i Beach Park to the southern part of the beach fronting the Outrigger Hotel.
- Fujii Beach opened yesterday.
- The shoreline fronting the northern part of the Outrigger Hotel up to the Wailua Golf Course is still being combed and sifted for tar balls.

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Date: September 18, 1998 Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Oil Spill Response Center
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Release Number: 8

Shoreline Cleanup on Kauai Continues

(Honolulu, Hawaii) The following is an update on the beaches and the oil spill clean up efforts now underway:

- The state Department of Health yesterday reopened 1,300 feet of Nukoli'i Beach, extending from Nukoli'i Beach Park up to the southern part of Kawaihoa on Kauai's eastern shoreline. The beach fronting the shoreline from the northern part of Kawaihoa up to Wailua Bay is still closed as oil spill response contractors comb and sift the shoreline for any remaining pellets of oil.
- No tar balls were found on the ocean bottom by undersea divers at Fujii and Nukoli'i Beaches and the Kipu Kai area. U.S. Coast Guard, the state Department of Health, Tesoro Hawaii and oil spill response contractors are now focusing on shoreline cleanup at Nukoli'i Beach, Opoi area, Kipu Kai area and Ahukini Landing.
- Some oil has been reported at rocky Opoi area, near the Lihue Airport runway. The oil spill response team has enlisted the help of the Kauai County Fire Department personnel who will use a jet ski to survey the area.

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- According to the State Department of Health, the tar balls pose no danger to human health. If anyone experiences skin contact with a tar ball they should use hand cleaners, such as Lava, Citrikleen, or the type of soap used by mechanics, to remove the tar. They should not use a solvent to remove the tar.

- Five more oiled birds were found yesterday bringing the total number of oiled birds to 36. Of those, 11 are being treated and 25 have died. The birds are being treated at the treatment and rehabilitation center at the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui veterinary services office, Sea Life Park and at a facility established by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kauai which provides initial care for the birds. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is providing expertise and assistance.

- About a dozen volunteers are offering assistance at the bird treatment center on Maui, but more volunteers are needed. Interested volunteers who are at least 18 years old may call Dr. Greg Massey of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui Veterinary Services Offices (MVSO) at (808) 572-3502. Assistance to provide care for the birds is from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. The MVSO is located at 2600 Piiholo Road in Makawao.

- If Kauai or Oahu residents see or find oiled birds or other wildlife, dead or alive, they may call the Hawaii Spill Response Center in Honolulu at (808) 847-8718 or the Kauai field office at (808) 245-1955. After hours, call the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Duty Officer in Honolulu at (808) 927-0830.

- A claims number has been established by Tesoro Hawaii. The phone number is (808) 532-9425 on Oahu. Neighbor Island residents can call 1-800-900-3717 to reach Brandvold & Associates, which is receiving calls for Tesoro Hawaii.

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- One more oiled bird was found yesterday bringing the total number of oiled birds to 37. Of those, 11 are being treated and 26 have died. Initial care for the birds is being provided by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kauai. Birds are then transferred to the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui veterinary services office. Four of the five birds which were at Sea Life Park have been taken to the Maui facility. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is providing expertise and assistance.
- More volunteers are needed for the Maui bird treatment facility. Interested volunteers who are at least 18 years old may call Dr. Greg Massey of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui Veterinary Services Offices (MVSU) at (808) 572-3502. Assistance to provide care for the birds is from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. The MVSU is located at 2600 Pihiolo Road in Makawao.
- If Kauai or Oahu residents see or find oiled birds or other wildlife, dead or alive, they may call the Hawaii Spill Response Center in Honolulu at (808) 847-8718 or the Kauai field office at (808) 245-1955. After hours, call the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Duty Officer in Honolulu at (808) 927-0830.
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Date: September 25, 1998

Time: 11 a.m.

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(808) 547-3639 (beginning Monday, September 28)
(808) 273-5972 (pager)

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Release Number: 10

All of Kauai's Shorelines Pass Inspection

(Kauai, Hawaii) The following is an update on the beaches and the oil spill clean up efforts now underway:

- Shoreline Clean up Assessment Teams (SCAT) completed surveys of Kauai shorelines yesterday. All of the shorelines along the perimeter of Kauai have passed inspections by the teams which include representatives from the state Department of Health, Department of Interior-Fish & Wildlife, the U.S. Coast Guard, and Tesoro Hawaii.
- Tar balls on Niihau were reported Wednesday morning. A shoreline assessment and cleanup team composed of representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, the state Department of Health and Tesoro Hawaii was immediately dispatched to the island by helicopter. The team, which returned that same evening, cleaned up small tar balls located intermittently along 250 feet of beach at Puuoneone and two small patches of oil in the rocks. The beaches on both sides of the impacted area were also surveyed and passed inspection by the shoreline assessment team. The team observed no wildlife impacted by the oil.

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Majority of Kauai's Shorelines Free of Oil

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- The state Department of Health has advised beachgoers that although all beaches are open, there is a possibility that people may still come in contact with small tar balls. The tar balls do not pose any danger to human health. If beachgoers have skin contact with a tar ball, they can remove the tar by using hand cleaners such as Lava, CitriKleen or any other type of soap used by mechanics.
- A total of 41 oiled birds have been found as of late yesterday. Of those, 12 are being treated and 29 have died. Initial care for the birds is being provided by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kauai. Birds are then transferred to the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui veterinary services office. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is providing expertise and assistance.
- More volunteers are needed for the Maui bird treatment facility. Interested volunteers who are at least 18 years old may call Dr. Greg Massey of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Maui Veterinary Services Offices (MVSO) at (808) 572-3500. Assistance is needed from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. The MVSO is located at 2600 Piiholo Road in Makawao.
- If Kauai or Oahu residents see or find oiled birds or other wildlife, dead or alive, they may call the Hawaii Spill Response Center in Honolulu at (808) 847-8718 or the Kauai field office at (808) 245-1955. After hours, call the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Duty Officer in Honolulu at (808) 927-0830.
- A claims number has been established by Tesoro Hawaii. The phone number is (808) 532-9425 on Oahu. Neighbor Island residents may call 1-800-900-3717 to reach Brandvold & Associates, which is receiving calls for Tesoro Hawaii.