



Fact Sheet

June 23, 2016 Crimson Pipeline Spill

The Rupture & Spill:

- A pipeline owned and operated by Crimson Pipeline spilled as much as 700 barrels, or over 29,400 gallons of crude oil into Hall Canyon Barranca within the City of Ventura limits.
- A Private landowner, owner of the only residence in the rural wildlife corridor, discovered the spill around 5:00 am. The landowner reported the spill by calling 911. If the landowner did not wake up after hearing the pipeline burst, the oil surely would have discharged into the Pacific Ocean. A catchment basin at the bottom of the Barranca, stopped and ponded the spill.
- While staining the Barranca with toxins hazardous to humans and wildlife, the oil stopped short of reaching the waters of Sanjon Drain, Ventura County beaches, and the Pacific Ocean.
- Oil that leaked belongs to Aera Energy, which is owned by affiliates of Shell and Exxon Mobil.¹
- Crimson was unable to detect spill because the pipeline was undergoing maintenance²

Crimson Pipeline Facts:

- Established in 2005. Privately-held, based in Colorado
- Focused on acquiring, upgrading and operating existing crude oil pipelines
- Is a “midstream carrier” focused on moving crude oil from production fields to Southern California and Louisiana refineries
- Owns approximately 1,000 miles of pipelines, located in Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and Kern, and newly acquired Northern-counties in California
- Pipeline Control Center is located in Bakersfield, CA³
- Transports 8.4 million gallons of crude oil per day in California⁴

Violation History:

- Since 2006, in California, Crimson Pipeline has had:
 - o 10 spills involving corrosion, equipment failure and excavation damage (4 of these were from corrosion total)
 - o Caused \$5.8 million in property damage
 - o Spilled 7,453 barrels of oil (313,026 gallons), of which 1,176 gallons were not recovered⁵
- There have been no federal inspections of Crimson pipelines since at least 2006⁶
- Note: The LA Times covered some of this information in [an article](#).⁷

¹ <http://in.reuters.com/article/pipeline-operations-oil-idINL1N19F14Q>

² <http://www.scpr.org/news/2016/06/23/61911/oil-spill-releases-up-to-210-000-gallons-of-crude/>

³ http://www.crimsonpl.com/pipeline/pdf/Crimson_Pipeline_Company.pdf

⁴ <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/06/23/cleanup-underway-after-california-oil-pipeline-spill.html>

⁵ http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/reports/operator/OperatorIM_opid_32103.html?nocache=8988#_Incidents_tab_3

⁶ http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/reports/operator/OperatorIE_opid_32103.html?nocache=1810

⁷ <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-ventura-county-oil-spill-20160623-snap-story.html>

