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BREAKING: Reportedly Up To 210,000 Gallons of Crude Oil Spilled in California

Ventura County Firefighters Racing to Prevent Oil Seeping into the Pacific Ocean

Ventura, CA -- At 5:30 am this morning, a leak in a pipeline in Hall Canyon, California was reported. According to <u>reports thus far</u>, as many as 210,000 gallons of crude oil has been spilled.

The pipeline responsible for the spill is owned and operated by Crimson Pipeline, which owns 1,000 miles of pipelines in California, including Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and Kern County.

Crimson has shut off the pump, however, crude oil continues to spill.

In response, Director of Sierra Club California Kathryn Phillips released the following statement:

"From Plains All American's spill off the coast of Santa Barbara, to Shell's spill in the San Joaquin Valley, to today's in Ventura, it's the unacceptable state of reality that oil spills have become the norm here in California.

"Sierra Club praises the immediate action by Ventura's first responders, but as we all know too well, there is no way to clean up all the destruction caused by crude oil spills.

"Big Oil cannot be permitted to continue to act in such a reckless manner. Our Legislature, Governor Brown, and Congress must act swiftly to put our environment and our public health ahead of corporate polluters' profits."

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