



## Compliance and Enforcement Division

### INCIDENT REPORT

**Cosco Busan San Francisco Bay Oil Spill  
San Francisco, CA  
November 7, 2007**

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On November 7, 2007, at approximately 8:30 am, the container ship Cosco Busan hit a concrete barrier that protects the base of a Bay Bridge tower, resulting in a gash in the ship that leaked approximately 58,000 gallons of bunker fuel into the San Francisco Bay. Bunker fuel is a heavy oil used as fuel to propel ships in maritime transportation. It is heavier than diesel fuel and is low in sulfur content.

At approximately 3:00 pm on November 7, District staff collected upwind and downwind ambient air samples. Analysis of both samples did not show elevated levels of volatile organic compounds or sulfur compounds. From 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on November 8, District staff conducted ambient air sampling at various coastal locations around San Francisco and the East Bay. None of the samples showed elevated levels of air contaminants.

From 11:00 am through 5:00 pm on November 7, the District received thirteen complaints from the community alleging oily, chemical odors in San Francisco and the East Bay that may be attributable to this incident.

District Inspection staff will continue to investigate this incident to determine if any District regulations were violated.

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#### **UPDATE:**

On December 4, 2007, District staff issued Notice of Violation #A49776 to Norton Lilly International, the shipping agent, for Regulation 1, Section 301: Public Nuisance.