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DISTRICT

## Compliance and Enforcement Division

### INCIDENT REPORT

**Plains All American  
Martinez, CA  
June 24, 2008**

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On June 24, 2008, at approximately 10:45 am., a spill from a crude oil pipeline occurred on Marina Vista Avenue between Shell Avenue and Highway 680 in Martinez. The owner of the pipeline, Plains All American Pipeline, is a company that transports, stores and markets petroleum products.

The incident occurred when a contractor working for Plains All American was testing approximately 300 feet of a 16 inch pipeline that had been drained of crude oil and filled with water. The nominal pipeline pressure is 200 pounds per square inch (psig), but during the test Plains All American is required to pressure test up to 1688 psig. During the test, a flange gasket failed resulting in water and residual crude oil spraying up into the air from the pipeline. The water/crude oil mixture sprayed across Marina Vista impacting the worker's trucks and equipment as well as the road and some vegetation.

Marina Vista Avenue was closed to thru traffic for clean-up. The adjacent railroad track was shutdown for a short while after the incident occurred and was re-opened at about 12:10 pm. Two contract employees were contaminated with crude oil but did not need medical attention. A car that was driving by at the time was also sprayed with the water/crude oil mixture. The driver was not contaminated and the car was towed from the scene.

Contra Costa Hazmat was on scene at well as Martinez Police, California Highway Patrol, State Fire Marshall, Union Pacific Railroad and Plains All American. District Staff will continue to investigate to determine if there were any violations of air quality regulations. This report will be updated as new information becomes available.