



CHEVRON HAS PIPELINE SPILL INTO PEARL HARBOR

Cause is a Corrosion Leak in the Honolulu Black Oil Pipeline.

Approximately 40,000 gallons of fuel oil spilled.

No reported wildlife injuries.

First Use of the new Hawaii Oil Spill Response Center.

Arizona Memorial shut down for three days.

Final Costs are expected to be over 15 million dollars.



The OSRV Clean Islands works with MSRC and SUPSALVE to collect free floating oil.

Approximately 40,000 gallons of fuel oil spilled into Pearl Harbor from a Chevron Pipeline located near the Waiiau Power Plant. The leak was detected at about 1:30 am on May 14, 1996. The fuel oil was carried by a fresh water stream into the upper portion of East Loch. From there it was carried by the outgoing tide toward the mouth of the Harbor. Although Middle Loch and West Loch were protected from impact by protective booming, Pearl City Peninsula, Ford Island, the Arizona Memorial and the Naval Station were impacted. Shoreline cleanup lasted

several weeks. An extensive decontamination "plant" was established at the end of the Pearl City Peninsula. Over fifty (50) vessels from response vessels to Navy ships required cleaning. More than five (5) miles of boom was deployed and all of it required cleaning. Special structures were designed and fabricated and most of the cleaning work was done by contracted assistance from MK Construction, under the supervision of Chevron, Clean Islands Council and MSRC personnel. Other response assistance came from the USCG, PENCO, and Marine Logistics. The final cost is still being determined.