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## Update: Oil Slick in the Upper Delaware Bay April 28, 2006

An oil slick was discovered in the upper Delaware Bay east of Bombay Hook on the morning of April 25, 2006. The Coast Guard and NJDEP and DENREC from the State of Delaware were on the water placing booms on tributaries and around the slick, which was reported to be six miles long. The slick was a narrow band that was moving towards the New Jersey shore until later in the day when the wind moved it toward Delaware. The same day NJDEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson ordered 110 square miles (70,4000 acres) of New Jersey shellfish beds closed to harvesting to protect the public from potentially polluted shellfish, primarily oysters. 4.27.06

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\*Reports from the Field\*

from Faith Zerbe, Citizen Action Coordinator, Delaware Riverkeeper Network:

On the New Jersey side:

The following has been provided to the Coast Guard command center:

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18:00 - Fortescue Creek - no oil present. Boom present but compromised

18:20 - South of Fortescue Creek unnamed tributary at the south end of New Jersey Ave boarding Egg Island WMA, no oil present. No boom present

18:30 - Nantuxent Creek, Money Island (end of Rte 643) no oil present, no boom present

18:40 - Nantuxent Creek, partial boom around island open for boat traffic, no oil

19:20 - Cedar Creek, Lawrence, Nantuxent Cove, no boom, no oil

19:25 - just south of Cedar Creek unnamed trib at the end of West Bay Point Road, no boom, no oil.

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15:00 - No oil present at Sea Breeze

No oil present at Gandys Beach

On the DE side:

DNREC shoreline teams have found sporadic tarballs at Kitts Hummock, Pickering Beach, Port Mahon, and Kelly Island.

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