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CITY OF SAN DIEGO RECOVERS \$1 MILLION FOR OIL SPILL

San Diego, CA: The City Attorney's office has secured a \$700,000 settlement this week from "Big Oil" (Shell, Mobil, Texaco and Kinder Morgan) for petroleum contamination related to the storage of above ground fuel tanks. This is in addition to \$350,000 already received from insurance carriers.

The contamination was discovered during demolition of Sewer Pump Station 34 and the rehabilitation of Sewer Pump Station 5, projects within the Centre City community. The site had been used by Shell, Mobil and Texaco for above ground fuel storage from the 1920's until the 1970's and by Kinder Morgan Energy Partners for a fuel pipeline. The City incurred a million dollars in costs to remove the contaminated soil and treat the groundwater prior to discharge into the sewer system.

Deputy City Attorney Jon Taylor of the Civil Prosecution Unit handled the case. That Unit, headed by Chief Deputy Dan Bamberg, has five deputies that initiate lawsuits against those that have in one way or another damaged the City or otherwise owe the City money.

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