The Rupture & Spill:

- A pipeline owned and operated by Crimson Pipeline spilled as much as 700 barrels, or over 29,400 gallons of crude oil into Hall Canyon Barranca within the City of Ventura limits.
- A Private landowner, owner of the only residence in the rural wildlife corridor, discovered the spill around 5:00 am. The landowner reported the spill by calling 911. If the landowner did not wake up after hearing the pipeline burst, the oil surely would have discharged into the Pacific Ocean. A catchment basin at the bottom of the Barranca, stopped and ponded the spill.
- While staining the Barranca with toxins hazardous to humans and wildlife, the oil stopped short of reaching the waters of Sanjon Drain, Ventura County beaches, and the Pacific Ocean.
- Oil that leaked belongs to Aera Energy, which is owned by affiliates of Shell and Exxon Mobil.1
- Crimson was unable to detect spill because the pipeline was undergoing maintenance2

Crimson Pipeline Facts:

- Established in 2005. Privately-held, based in Colorado
- Focused on acquiring, upgrading and operating existing crude oil pipelines
- Is a “midstream carrier” focused on moving crude oil from production fields to Southern California and Louisiana refineries
- Owns approximately 1,000 miles of pipelines, located in Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and Kern, and newly acquired Northern-counties in California
- Pipeline Control Center is located in Bakersfield, CA3
- Transports 8.4 million gallons of crude oil per day in California4

Violation History:

- Since 2006, in California, Crimson Pipeline has had:
  o 10 spills involving corrosion, equipment failure and excavation damage (4 of these were from corrosion total)
  o Caused $5.8 million in property damage
  o Spilled 7,453 barrels of oil (313,026 gallons), of which 1,176 gallons were not recovered5
- There have been no federal inspections of Crimson pipelines since at least 20066
- Note: The LA Times covered some of this information in an article.7

1 http://in.reuters.com/article/pipeline-operations-oil-idINL1N19F14Q