# **Sierra Club Issues Statement on Massive Kern County Oil Spill**

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The Sierra Club Foundation issued the following statement by Director Kathryn Phillips on the massive ***Kern*** County ***oil*** spill:

A Chevron cyclic-steam injection ***oil*** well in ***Kern*** County, California has now been leaking for nearly three months, spilling an estimated 974,400 gallons of crude ***oil*** and other fluids and making it the largest ***oil*** spill in the state in almost 30 years.

As the ***oil*** continues to flow, Chevron has refused to take meaningful action to stop it. The company announced this week that it would fight an order from the state Division of ***Oil***, Gas and Geothermal Resources to "take all measures" to stop the spill and prevent a similar incident from happening again.

"Every major ***oil*** company is linked to a disastrous ***oil*** spill--it's par for the course. This time, Chevron's reckless actions have spilled over 900,000 gallons in ***Kern*** County. To make matters even worse, Chevron tried to keep the crude ***oil*** disaster quiet. Chevron must be held accountable for this spill that has been flowing since May.

"California can put a stop to the inevitability of ***oil*** spills by intentionally transitioning away from ***oil*** extraction. The state must prioritize our public health and our environment over corporate polluters' profits."

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About the Sierra Club

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