

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – Oil spill in San Francisco (3 min)

You are going to hear a news report about the accident of the *Cosco Buson* oil tanker in the San Francisco area.

I) Before listening, read the list of vocabulary below:

Vocabulary:

an oil spill	oil that has leaked from a ship and is now polluting the water
a boom	a floating barrier to control the spread of oil
wildlife	animals
heavy fog	a weather situation where you can hardly see anything (dichter Nebel)

- 58 000 gallons (255 000 liters) of fuel oil
- 18 000 feet (5,5 kilometers) of boom
- an 810 feet (250 meters) long container ship

II) Now listen to the recording twice; take notes while listening and then summarize the text, answering all the questions below IN YOUR SUMMARY; start your summary with a general introduction:

Note: the questions are NOT in the order of the recording!

1. How has the accident happened, and why is it hard for people to understand that something like that can happen?
 2. Was the oil tanker going through the bridge alone?
 3. Has the oil spill only affected the area near the place of the accident?
 4. How are the coast guard crews trying to clean up the area, and which measures have been taken to control the damage?
 5. How much time might it take until the area is clean again?
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