

BILL NUMBER: AB 234
VETOED DATE: 09/30/2010

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 234 without my signature.

This bill requires the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) to develop regulations addressing "pre-booming" of vessels involved in transfers of oil fuel and oil cargo. The bill also increases the per-barrel fee, paid by tankers, and the non-tank vessel fee, that is used to support OSPR's administrative functions and authorizes the Administrator to adjust the maximum per-barrel fee annually for inflation according to the Consumer Price Index.

This bill is unnecessary. Pursuant to the authority already provided under existing law, OSPR is currently in the process of evaluating the benefit of requiring "pre-booming" standards on fuel transfer operations where it is safe and effective to do so. Additionally, the magnitude of the fee increase proposed to fund OSPR's regulatory activities per this bill far exceeds what OSPR estimates it would cost to promulgate the "pre-booming" regulations this bill would require.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger