

Petrobras fined \$5 million for oil spill off Sao Paulo coast

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Volunteers clean up the beach on the island of Paqueta in Brazil on February, 18, 2000, after around 1,000 tonnes of crude oil were spilled accidentally by Brazil's state-run petroleum company, Petrobras. Petrobras has been ordered to pay a fine of \$5 million over the oil spill that fouled several beaches along Sao Paulo state's coast, authorities said Monday.

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The spill occurred Friday as a result of "an operational failure" at a sea terminal of Transpetro, a Petrobras subsidiary, during the refueling of a ship, the Sao Paulo state Environmental Company Cetesb said in a statement.

The oil slick reached beaches in the towns of Sao Sebastiao and Caraguatatuba.

Transpetro said it had no estimate of the amount of crude spilled.

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