

Endangered species unhurt in Hawaii molasses spill

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A Hawaii state official in charge of cleaning up the spill of 1,400 tons of molasses in Honolulu Harbor says no endangered species have been hurt in the accident.

Dr. Keith Kawaoka of the Hawaii Department of Health said Wednesday that no endangered species have been identified among the more than 26,000 [dead fish](#), shellfish and other marine life that have been collected from nearby waters.

Kawaoka says [water samples](#) tested from different points in the harbor and a nearby lagoon have shown improved [oxygen levels](#). He says the water also looks visually better from flyover surveys.

State and federal agencies have been responding since the spill of about 233,000 gallons was discovered last week. Matson Navigation Co. is responsible, and has pledged to pay all costs to clean up.

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