OC Oil Spill Science at UCI

Two UCI grad students are researching the impact of the recent OC oil spill on some of the tiniest of marine organisms: phytoplankton.
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The two UCI graduate students spearheading the project, Joana Tavares and Melissa Brock.

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In October 2021, a broken underwater pipe leaked about 25,000 gallons of oil into the waters off the Orange County coast. Almost immediately, scientists from UC Irvine launched a collaborative effort to assess the impacts of the spill on marine life as part of the ongoing Southern California Oil Spill Project. Here's how it all started:

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