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Governor

Situation Report # 17

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Weather Summary:

- According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil spill is **75** miles southwest of Pensacola, **175** miles from Port St. Joe, **315** miles from St. Petersburg, and **35** miles from the Loop Current.
- **Direct oil impacts are not expected across the Florida coastline through at least the next 72 hours. Southeasterly winds of 10-15 knots and seas of 3-4 feet will continue through Saturday which may hamper deepwater operations across the northern-central gulf. Winds and seas will begin to lessen on Saturday night and will begin to shift to the south and west early next week as a cold front approaches the region possibly producing thunderstorms.**

Current Situation:

- **Florida beaches are open.**
- Unified Command estimates release rate of oil from Deepwater Horizon at 5,000 barrels per day.
- This event has been designated a Spill of National Significance.
- Unified Command continues with a comprehensive oil well intervention and spill response plan following the April 22 sinking of the Transocean Deepwater Horizon drilling rig 130 miles southeast of New Orleans.
- Approximately **17,500** personnel are working the on and offshore response, with an additional 2,500+ trained volunteers.
- Oil-water mix recovered: approximately **6.3** million gallons
- Response vessels in use: **627**
- Dispersant (in gallons): approximately **560,000** deployed/ **260,000** available
- 14 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines:
 - AL – Dauphin Island, Orange Beach, Theodore
 - FL – Panama City, Pensacola
 - LA – Amelia, Grand Isle, Shell Beach, Slidell, Venice, Cocodrie
 - MS – Biloxi, Pascagoula, Pass Christian

Florida Specific:

- Oil Containment Boom (in feet)
 - **199,800** total deployment in Florida
 - Florida staging areas: **61,700** Staged (**58,600** 18-21inch Boom **3,100** Ocean Boom)
- In accordance with established plans, protective booming and boom maintenance is being conducted in the coastal areas of Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties.
- 538 BP and contract personnel are working on the effort in Florida.
- BP issued a 25 million dollar block grant to Florida; first priority is costs associated with booming.
- The incident command post in the U.S. Coast Guard's Sector St. Petersburg and the virtual planning cell in Sector Key West continue to focus on strategy and planning efforts.
- **106 of 382** contracts have been activated for the Vessels of Opportunity program in Florida.
- Representatives from BP and the U.S. Coast Guard are stationed at the State EOC and at staging areas and incident command posts in Florida.
- FDEP has issued an Emergency Final Order authorizing suspension of certain parameters, allowing for an efficient and timely response to oil spill related matters.
- BP claims in Florida: **1,013 / approximately \$306,280 paid**
 - **Wage Loss: 380 claims/ \$85,700**
 - **Loss of Income:**
 - **Commercial: 131 claims/ \$28,749.99**
 - **Business Interruption: 50 claims/ \$12,500**
 - **Shrimper: 60 claims/ \$86,250**
 - **Fisherman: 115 claims/ \$45,499.99**
 - **Rental Property: 145 claims/ \$2,280**
 - **Charters: 94 claims/ \$43,620.00**

State Actions:

- State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is at a Level 2 (Partial) with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as the lead agency.
- Governor's Executive Orders 10-99 and 10-100 declared a state of emergency for:
 - Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, and Gulf (10-99)
 - Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota (10-100)
- Governor's Executive Order 10-101 established the Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force, which will facilitate efforts by Florida businesses and industries to recover from the loss of commerce and revenues due to the oil spill.
- Conducting daily conference calls with: county and emergency management partners, the Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and Mobile Unified Command.
- A 27-member Forward-State Emergency Response Team (F-SERT) is on-scene at the Unified Command in Mobile.
- FDEM and FDEP personnel are deployed to Sector St. Petersburg, in support of the Unified Command.
- ESF 15 – Volunteers and Donation is providing consistent messaging to Florida volunteers, "All oil-contaminated materials will only be handled by trained, paid workers and not by volunteers." **1,465** volunteers worked **5,895** hours for beach clean-ups in 5 coastal counties.
- The Boom Coordination Cell continues to coordinate additional requests.
- An Innovative Technology Cell is assessing alternative clean-up technologies suggested by the public and stakeholders.
- ESF 18 – Business, Industry, and Economic Stabilization's second economic loss survey for Florida businesses was opened for comments on 5/10/10. Data from the first survey is being analyzed.
- ESF 10 – a website to view all of the consolidated State sampling data that is being collected along the Gulf Coastline is at www.nrdata.org.

Local States of Emergency

- Bay
- Dixie
- Escambia
- Franklin
- Gulf
- Manatee
- Okaloosa
- Santa Rosa
- Sarasota
- Taylor
- Wakulla
- Walton

County EOC Activations

- Bay, Level 1 (Full)
- Gulf, Level 2 (Partial)
- Escambia, Level 2 (Partial)
- Franklin, Level 2 (Partial)
- Okaloosa, Level 2 (Partial)
- Santa Rosa, Level 2 (Partial)
- Wakulla, Level 2 (Partial)
- Walton, Level 2 (Partial)

Florida Information Lines

- ESF 14 – The Florida Oil Spill Information Line (FOSIL) is available from 8am-6pm EDT daily at (888) 337-3569.
- **Mobile Unified Command has established two public hotline numbers for oil spill investigation and cleanup:**
 - **Impacted Wildlife: 866-557-1401**
 - **Oiled Shoreline: 866-448-5816**

