



Situation Report # 5

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Governor

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Current Situation:

- The latest reports from the Unified Command estimate release rate of oil from Deepwater Horizon at 5,000 barrels per day.
- This event has been designated a Spill of National Significance (SONS).
- 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.
- More than 2,000 personnel are involved in the response effort both on and offshore with additional resources being mobilized as needed.
- To date, the oil spill response team has recovered more than a million gallons of an oil-water mix. Vessels are in place and continuing recovery operations.
- More than 100 response vessels are being used including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels.
- 156,000 gallons of dispersant have been deployed and an additional 75,000 gallons are available.
- Hundreds of thousands of feet of boom (barrier) has been assigned to contain the spill. An additional 500,000 feet is available.
- Seven staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines. These areas include: Biloxi, MS; Pensacola, FL; Venice, LA; Pascagoula, MS; Theodore, AL; Port Fourchon, LA; and Port Sulphur, LA
- The US Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued a Declaration of Regional Emergency, allowing motor carriers transporting response-related materials exemption from hours of service requirements.
- NOAA has restricted fishing in Federal Waters between the mouth of the Mississippi River to Pensacola for a minimum of 10 days.

Florida Specific:

- In the Pensacola area, 87,900 feet of boom has been deployed, with 41,000 feet staged.
- 17,000 feet of boom has been staged in Panama City, with another 13,000 feet of boom on order
- There are 242 BP and contract personnel working on the effort in the Pensacola area.

State Actions:

- In support of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as the lead agency, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is at a Level 2 (Partial) activation.
- Executive Order 10-99 has been signed by the Governor declaring a state of emergency. Executive Order 10-100 adds coastal counties from Franklin to Sarasota to the state of emergency declaration.
- The SERT is conducting daily conference calls with county and emergency management partners to ensure there are open lines of communication and information flow.
- The Florida Division of Emergency Management and Department of Environmental Protection have representatives at the Unified Command at the U.S. Coast Guard's Sector in Mobile.
- Forward-State Emergency Response Team is deploying to the Unified Command Post in Mobile.
- 6 DEP representatives enroute to Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay and Gulf Counties.
- Participating in conference calls held by the Federal On-Scene Coordinator and Sector Mobile Unified Command.
- Representatives from British Petroleum (BP) and the U.S. Coast Guard are at the State EOC.
- An EM Constellation database named "Deepwater Horizon" is being utilized to coordinate information and mission management.
- In accordance with established plans, protective booming continues to be deployed in coastal areas of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.
- Volunteer Florida is assisting with coordination of pre-landfall clean-up efforts along panhandle beaches.
- The Florida Department of Corrections has issued an Emergency Order allowing inmates to enter private property while engaged in response / clean-up activities.

County EOC Activations

- Escambia – Level 2
- Franklin - Level 2
- Santa Rosa – Level 2

Local States of Emergency

- The following counties have declared a Local State of Emergency:
 - Escambia; Santa Rosa; Franklin; Walton