



Situation Report # 79

Friday, July 16, 2010 at 1200 hrs EDT

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Governor

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Weather Summary:

- Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms are expected both onshore and offshore across the area of operations which may impede oil recovery operations. Storm activity and cloud cover should keep heat index values below 106 degrees. Winds are forecast to be out of the south-southeast Friday through Sunday. Winds each day will be between 10 and 15 knots. However, winds and ocean currents could continue to carry portions of the oil plume or tarball fields closer to the coast. There is a 10% chance that a large tropical wave in the central Caribbean Sea may become a tropical cyclone within the next 48 hours as it moves slowly west towards Central America.

Current Situation:

- Florida beaches are open.**
- Currently Deepwater Horizon is not discharging any oil into the Gulf of Mexico. BP has begun conducting the well integrity test, which is being closely monitored.
- During the well integrity test, operations on the first relief well have been temporarily stopped, as a precaution, while the well was at 17,840 feet. Operations on the second relief well have been temporarily suspended at 15,874 feet to ensure there is no interference with the first relief well.
- This event has been designated a Spill of National Significance.
- Unified Area Command continues with a comprehensive oil well intervention and spill response planning following the April 22 sinking of the Transocean Deepwater Horizon drilling rig 130 miles southeast of New Orleans.
- More than 45,000 personnel are working the on and offshore response.
- Oil-water mix recovered: nearly 32.9 million gallons
- Response vessels available: more than 6,900
- Response aircraft available: 119
- Dispersant: more than 1.83 million gallons deployed.
- There is no planned use of dispersants in Florida waters.**

Florida Specific:

- Tar balls, tar mats and light sheen continue to be reported in Northwest Florida.
- Continued impacts will be possible in Northwest Florida over the next 72 hours.
- Five state-leased skimmers continue to operate in Northwest Florida to protect sensitive inland water bodies. These skimmers are operating at the passes in Escambia, Okaloosa, Bay, Gulf and Franklin Counties.
- Perdido Pass will continue to be closed with the tide to reduce the amount of oil entering inland waters. These waterways are manned to allow access to necessary vessel traffic and are open for vessel traffic during low tide
- Oil Containment Boom (in feet) total: 791,061 deployed in Florida.
 - Tier 1 & Tier 2: 475,600 / Tier 3: 315,461
- In accordance with established plans, protective booming, staging, and boom maintenance is being conducted along the coast from Escambia to Franklin.
- 383 vessels are deployed in Florida for the Vessels of Opportunity program.
- 1,125 Qualified Community Responders are working in the Florida Panhandle.
- Federal Fishery closure, west of Cape San Blas to state line. (see NOAA FB10-060)
- According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil plume is 119 miles from Pensacola, 124 miles from Panama City. Trajectory forecasts are showing a northward movement of oil through Sunday. Offshore, no oil has been observed within or moving towards Eddy Franklin and there is no clear path for oil to enter the Florida Straits.
- In addition to \$100,000 for Volunteer Florida to maintain a volunteer registration database, BP has issued over \$75 million in grants to Florida for booming, tourism advertising, and state preparedness and response efforts. An additional \$500,000 has been issued by BP to fund innovative technology solutions for Okaloosa Cty.
- BP claims in Florida total 30,238 with approximately \$ 36,181,343.03 paid.

Florida Information Lines:

- The Florida Oil Spill Information Line (FOSIL) is available from 8am-6pm EDT daily.
 - English - (888) 337-3569 / TDD - (800) 955-8771 / Voice - (800) 955-8770 / Spanish - (877) 955-8773 / Haitian Creole - (877) 955-8707
- For general health/exposures information questions related to the oil spill, contact the Florida Poison Control Center at (800) 222-1222.
- Two public hotline numbers for oil spill investigation and cleanup:
 - Impacted Wildlife: (866) 557-1401
 - Oiled Shoreline: (877) 2-SAVE-FL or #DEP for cellular devices
- The Florida Department of State has established a hotline for archeological, historical preservation, and tribal lands that may be impacted by the Deepwater Horizon incident: (850) 245-6530.
- To confirm legitimate charities and determine if an organization is registered with the state, call Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) (800) 435-7352 or www.800helpfla.com.

Information Websites:

- Volunteer registration:** www.VolunteerFlorida.org and click "Register to Help"
- Health advisories:** <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/health.htm>
- State sampling data:** www.nrdata.org
- GATOR web mapping application:** <http://map.floridadisaster.org/gator/>
- Recovery related jobs:** <http://FloridaGulfRecoveryJobs.com/>
- NOAA GeoPlatform, response management application:** <http://www.geoplatform.gov/gulfresponse/>

State Actions:

- State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is at a Level 1 (Full), operating from 0700 to 1800 EDT, with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as the lead agency.
- Governor's Executive Orders 10-99, 10-100, 10-106 and 10-132 declared a state of emergency for identified Florida coastal counties.
- 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 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 various Unified Commands.

SERT Personnel - Location	Personnel
Forward-SERT, Mobile Unified Command	18
Florida Peninsula Command, Miami	5
St. Petersburg Branch	1
Area Command in New Orleans, Louisiana	2
Branch 1	5
Branch 2	6
Branch 3	4

- FEMA is assisting SERT with streamlining financial reimbursement.
- A portion of coastal state waters offshore of Escambia County is closed to the harvest of saltwater fish, crabs and shrimp.
- A SERT Toxicological Data Analysis Cell is providing consistent scientific assessments of collected sampling to inform local/state decision making.
- The Agency for Workforce Innovation and Regional Workforce Boards are identifying and filling jobs related to the oil spill: **12,808 positions advertised; 39,863 applicants referred.**
- 104 Florida National Guard personnel** on duty at various duty posts in the Deepwater Horizon area of operations.
- 19,611 volunteers** have registered to respond to Deepwater Horizon. **23,023 volunteer hours** have been worked.
- AmeriCorps, National Civilian Community Corps members are in Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties to assist with models for a community-run Citizen Information Station (CIS).
- Conducting daily reconnaissance flights and shoreline patrol from Escambia to Franklin Counties for impact. Real time reconnaissance reports are being entered into GATOR.
- Currently, Florida's coast has 9 decontamination sites for response vessels and 8 that are being operated for commercial vessels. A site for recreational vessel decontamination has also been established and additional recreational vessel sites are in negotiations with BP.

Recovered Oiled Wild Life: 07/16/10

	Recovered alive*	Released	Died or euthanized	Still in Rehab	Recovered Dead	Total Recovered	Total Dead
Birds	0	0	2	39	3	2	
Total	161	14	108		143	304	251
Turtles	0	0	0	21	0	0	
Total	22	0	1		1	23	2

See the consolidated wildlife report updated by noon each day:

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doctype/2931/55963>

- The Boom Coordination Cell continues to coordinate additional boom requests. The Innovative Technology Cell continues to assess alternative clean-up technologies suggested by the public and stakeholders.
- Emergency Bridge Loan Program, cumulative totals- Applications: 43; Declined: 5; Approved: 38; Amount: \$950,000.00
- The Small Business Administration issued an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration for the State of Florida. Outreach Centers are open in 8 counties. Total Loan Applications:
 - Issued: 590 Accepted: 161 Declined: 58 Approved: 32
 - Loan amount approved: \$3,464,700.00

Local States of Emergency

- Escambia: Expires on 7/20/10
- Santa Rosa: Expires on 7/16/10
- Okaloosa: Concurrent with State
- Walton: Expires on 7/23/10
- Bay: Expires on 7/22/10
- Gulf: Expires on 7/20/10
- Franklin: Expires on 7/19/10
- Wakulla: Expires on 7/19/10
- Jefferson: Expires on 7/21/10
- Dixie: Expires on 7/22/10
- Sarasota: Expires on 7/20/10

County EOC Activations

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