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FLORIDA DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE JULY 27, 2010

TALLAHASSEE – Under the leadership of Governor Charlie Crist, the State Emergency Response Team and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) are actively coordinating and responding to the Deepwater Horizon incident.

Message of the day: VISIT FLORIDA – Florida Live

To ensure Florida's visitors are able to make the most informed travel planning decisions, VISIT FLORIDA has created [Florida Live](#) at [VISITFLORIDA.com](#). This new webpage allows those planning a trip to Florida to see what's really happening in the state at any given time. They can watch live webcams, read Twitter feeds and daily blog posts by tourism experts, see date-and-time stamped photos and videos taken by people enjoying Florida now, and view a listing of vacation deals that include a worry free guarantee so they can book with confidence.

VISIT FLORIDA's website also has a Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Update page that is kept current with the latest daily reports from the official State of Florida sources. Here visitors will find links to information on the science of the spill and be able to read about the impact to any part of Florida in real time. Links to every Convention and Visitors Center website in the state so visitors can follow the local updates about the location they are interested in visiting.

To see [Florida Live](#), go to [www.VISITFLORIDA.com](#).

Current Situation

- The State Emergency Operations Center is activated at Level 1 or full activation.
- The State continues to focus on mitigating impacts to Florida's shoreline.
- Currently Deepwater Horizon is not discharging any oil into the Gulf of Mexico.
- All supplemental Tier 3 boom is being removed in the Northwest Florida counties.
- State reconnaissance teams operating by air, land and sea continue to identify potential impacts and are actively coordinating with cleanup teams. [View the latest reconnaissance reports.](#)
- Four Florida branch offices are fully operational in Northwest Florida. These branch offices bring together federal, state and local agencies to streamline response efforts.

- Although sporadic sightings of tar balls may continue, Florida's shoreline is not expected to receive additional impacts over the next 72 hours.
- No tropical activity is expected in the next 48 hours.
- Oil Impact Notices are posted for all Escambia County and Walton County Gulf beaches, as well as designated beaches in Okaloosa County. Signs may remain in place until local authorities determine that beaches are no longer impacted by the oil spill. [Learn more](#).
- A portion of coastal state waters offshore of Escambia County is closed to the harvest of saltwater fish, crabs and shrimp. [Learn more](#).

Learn More About Florida's Response:

- Visit www.deepwaterhorizonflorida.com to learn more about Florida's response to the Deepwater Horizon incident, sign up for daily updates, view tips for businesses and consumers, find a listing of Unified Command, BP and Florida phone numbers, and more.
- The Oil Spill Information Line is available at 1-888-337-3569 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week. Persons with disabilities can contact 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (voice).

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