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**STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TRANSITIONS TO A LEVEL 2 –
PARTIAL ACTIVATION IN RESPONSE TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON INCIDENT**

TALLAHASSEE – The State Emergency Operations Center transitioned today to a Level 2 – partial activation in response to the Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico.

“Due to the success of the static kill operation and the progress toward a permanent well-kill, the threat of heavy impact to the state of Florida is significantly reduced,” said David Halstead, director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. “While the State Emergency Operations Center has transitioned to a Level 2, the State Emergency Response Team remains focused on protecting Florida’s businesses, residents, visitors, and communities from any oil remaining in the Gulf of Mexico.”

State emergency management officials will continue to coordinate with federal, state and local partners to ensure that any further impacts to Florida’s coastline are quickly responded to and cleaned up.

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.

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