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## **STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATES TO A LEVEL 2 IN RESPONSE TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON INCIDENT**

**TALLAHASSEE-** - The State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee activated to a Level 2 or Partial activation today at 3:30 p.m. in response to the Deepwater Horizon incident that occurred off the coast of Louisiana on April 20.

“At this point, the latest NOAA trajectories do not indicate oil reaching Florida’s shores over the weekend, so residents’ and visitors’ weekend activities can proceed as planned,” said David Halstead, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. “However, the State Emergency Response Team will closely monitor the situation through the weekend and will coordinate with federal, state and local partners to ensure Florida’s waters, beaches and coastal resources are protected.”

Though no impacts to Florida are anticipated through the weekend, Governor Charlie Crist has declared a state of emergency (Executive Order 10-99) for Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay and Gulf counties.

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