



Situation Report # 66

Saturday, July 03, 2010 at 1200 hrs EDT

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Governor

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Weather Summary:

- Strong easterly winds of 10-20 knots are expected across the northeastern gulf this weekend but will begin to decrease tomorrow afternoon. This, in combination with 3-5 foot seas and a 50-70% chance of rain today and tomorrow may hamper some oil recovery efforts both onshore and offshore this weekend. Easterly winds and current patterns will continue to push the oil plume westward through the next few days. Impacts may not be as widespread today in the Pensacola region due to nearshore currents moving westward; parallel to the shore instead of directly towards the shore. Offshore, no significant amounts of oil are within or moving towards Eddy Franklin and there is no clear path for oil to enter the Florida Straits. There is a 10% chance that a weak, non-tropical low pressure system over the northern Gulf of Mexico will develop into a tropical or subtropical cyclone within the next 48 hours.

Current Situation:

- Florida beaches are open.
- Estimated release rate of oil from Deepwater Horizon at 35,000 to 60,000 barrels per day. Optimization of the dual recovery system (LMRP Cap and Q4000) continues; total oil recovered approximately 25,291 barrels on 7/02/10.
- 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 44,000 personnel are working the on and offshore response.
- Oil-water mix recovered: nearly 28.2 million gallons
- Response vessels available: more than 6,770
- Response aircraft available: 114
- Dispersant (in gallons): more than 1.67 million deployed
- There is no planned use of dispersants in Florida waters.

Florida Specific:

- Health Effects: Escambia County has a health advisory issued to include all Gulf beachside waters. Walton County has rescinded the previous health advisory and has issued an oil impact notice for all Walton County gulf beaches.
- Tar balls, tar patties and sheen have been reported in Northwest Florida, with the heaviest impacts reported in Escambia County.
- Pensacola Pass as well as Perdido Pass will continue to be closed with the tide to reduce the amount of oil from entering inland waters. These waterways are manned to allow access to necessary vessel traffic during low tide.
- Oil Containment Boom (in feet) total: 686,361 deployed in Florida.
 - Tier 1 & Tier 2: 408,600 / Tier 3: 277,761
- In accordance with established plans, protective booming, staging, and boom maintenance is being conducted along the coast from Escambia to Franklin.
- 103 vessels are deployed in Florida for the Vessels of Opportunity program.
- 1,467 Qualified Community Responders are actively working in the Florida Panhandle.
- Federal Fishery closure, west of Cape San Blas to state line. (see NOAA FB10-059).
- According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil plume is 42 miles from Panama City and 251 miles from St. Petersburg. NOAA trajectories indicate possible shoreline impacts near Pensacola Bay Sunday and Monday.
- 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, a national tourism advertising campaign, and the state's preparedness and response efforts. An additional \$500,000 has been issued by BP to fund two innovative technology solutions for Okaloosa County.
- BP claims in Florida total 25,005 with approximately \$23,186,782.43 paid.

Florida Information Lines:

- The Florida Oil Spill Information Line (FOSIL) is available from 8am-6pm EDT daily.
 - English - (888) 337-3569
 - Haitian Creole - (877) 955-8707
 - Spanish - (877) 955-8773
 - TDD - (800) 955-8771
- 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.

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://gulfrecoveryjobs.employflorida.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 counties along the Florida coast.
- 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.
- The Governor activated Florida's Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to provide emergency, short-term loans to established small businesses in 26 designated counties.
- 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	22
Florida Peninsula Command, Miami	6
St. Petersburg Branch	3
Area Command in New Orleans, Louisiana	2
Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, Gulf Okaloosa	2 each 1

- FEMA is assisting SERT with streamlining financial reimbursement processing.
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) executive order (EO 10-29) temporarily closes a portion of coastal state waters offshore of Escambia County to the harvest of saltwater fish, crabs and shrimp. Recreational catch and release is allowed.
- A SERT Toxicological Data Analysis Cell is providing consistent scientific assessments of collected data 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: 10,856 positions advertised; 30,827 applicants referred.
- 100 Florida National Guard personnel on duty at various duty posts in the Deepwater Horizon area of operations.
- 18,222 volunteers have registered to respond to Deepwater Horizon. 20,151 volunteer hours have been worked.
- Florida has launched a national radio and print advertising campaign for Florida tourism.
- Conducting daily reconnaissance flights and shoreline patrol from Escambia to Gulf Counties for impact. Real time reconnaissance reports are being entered into GATOR.
- SERT is working with the Gulf counties to identify on shore vessel decontamination sites, pending approval by BP.

Recovered Oiled Birds:

	Recovered alive*	Released	Died or euthanized	Still in Rehab	Recovered dead
7/01/10	3		5	59	0
Total	136	3	74		87

There has been 1 visibly oiled dolphin and 3 visibly oiled sea turtles rescued in Florida during the event.
*Primarily northern gannets and brown pelicans, pied-billed grebes.
Wildlife report updated daily by noon: <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doctopye/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.
- The Small Business Administration has issued an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration for the State of Florida. Disaster Loan Outreach Centers are open in 8 counties. Loan Applications:
 - Issued: 502 Accepted: 131 Declined: 41 Approved: 18
 - Loan amount approved: \$1,504,200.00

Local States of Emergency

- Escambia: Expires on 7/07/10
- Santa Rosa: Expires on 7/09/10
- Okaloosa: Concurrent with State
- Walton: Expires on 7/09/10
- Bay: Expires on 7/08/10
- Gulf: Expires on 7/06/10
- Franklin: Expires on 7/05/10
- Wakulla: Expires on 7/05/10
- Jefferson: Expires on 7/08/10
- Dixie: Expires on 7/08/10
- Sarasota: Expires on 7/06/10

County EOC Activations

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