

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST OPERATIONAL PERIOD: (UAC Sit Exec Sum 04 August)

- Well Integrity: monitored with sonar sweeps; no seismic runs
- Relief Wells: DDIII on standby
- Static Kill: successfully completed injectivity test and completed running mud for Static Kill as planned

WEATHER: (NOAA Spot Forecast 340EDT 05 August)

Date	Wind (kts)	Sea State	Seas (ft)	Rain (%)
Thursday 05 August day	S 5	1	Smooth	30
Thursday 05 August night	SSW 5-8	1	Smooth	20
Friday 06 August day	SW 5-7	1	Smooth	30
Friday 06 August night	SW 5-7	1	Smooth	20
Saturday 07 August	SW 5-7	1	Smooth	20
Sunday 08 August	SW 5-7	1	Smooth	30
Monday 09 August	VRB 5-7	1	Smooth	20
Tuesday 10 August	VRB 5-7	1	Smooth	20

WEATHER OUTLOOK: (NOAA Spot Report 0340 05 August)

A BROAD AREA OF HIGH PRESSURE WILL GRADUALLY SHIFT WESTWARD THROUGH THE REST OF THIS WEEK AND INTO THE WEEKEND. AN INCREASED CHANCE OF RAINFALL AND SLIGHTLY LESS HOT TEMPERATURES CAN BE EXPECTED. THE RIDGE WILL THEN BUILD BACK EASTWARD EARLY NEXT WEEK.

SYSTEM #1 (TROPICAL STORM COLIN):REPORTS FROM AN AIR FORCE RESERVE HURRICANE HUNTER AIRCRAFT INVESTIGATING THE REMNANTS OF TROPICAL STORM COLIN INDICATE THAT THE SYSTEM DOES NOT HAVE A CLOSED SURFACE CIRCULATION. HOWEVER... THE AIRCRAFT FOUND WINDS OF TROPICAL-STORM FORCE IN THE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE SYSTEM. UPPER-LEVEL WINDS ARE CURRENTLY NOT CONDUCTIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT...AND THERE IS A LOW CHANCE...20 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE AGAIN DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS AS IT MOVES WEST-NORTHWESTWARD AT 20 TO 25 MILES. REGARDLESS OF DEVELOPMENT... LOCALLY HEAVY RAINS AND STRONG GUSTY WINDS ARE POSSIBLE OVER PORTIONS OF THE LEEWARD AND VIRGIN ISLANDS TODAY AND TONIGHT.

SYSTEM #2: CLOUDINESS...SHOWERS...AND THUNDERSTORMS OVER THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN CARIBBEAN SEA ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A TROPICAL WAVE. THIS SYSTEM HAS CHANGED LITTLE IN ORGANIZATION DURING THE PAST SEVERAL HOURS. SLOW DEVELOPMENT OF THIS DISTURBANCE IS POSSIBLE OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS AS IT MOVES GENERALLY WESTWARD AT 15 TO 20 MPH. THERE IS A LOW CHANCE...20 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS. ELSEWHERE...TROPICAL CYCLONE FORMATION IS NOT EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

SOURCE CONTROL: (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)

	0000-2359CDT 03 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
Vessel	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	562,104 bbls *includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 22,158 bbls)	1,272.4 million cubic ft of gas * includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 88.4 gas)
Q4000	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	241,187 bbls	534.1 million cubic ft of gas
HELIX PRODUCER I	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	23,742 bbls	~56.5 million cubic ft of gas (estimated due to incorrectly calibrated meter)
Cumulative oil/gas recovered	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	827,033 bbls	~1,863 million cubic ft of gas

- **DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE (DE):** Remains shut in and standing by to produce. Top Hat #8 lowered to depth. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **HELIX PRODUCER I:** From 0000-1200CDT 03 August 10, 0 bbls of oil were collected and transferred to the Loch Rannoch and 0 SCF of gas were flared. The HPI had produced and transferred to the LOCH RANNOCH a total of 23,743 bbls of oil and flared 56.5 million SCF of gas since commencement of operations in MC252. As per the Well Integrity Test, the HP I was shut-in at 1120CDT 15 July. Standing-by. T-time is 12 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **Q4000:** Completed static kill operations with the BJ BLUE DOLPHIN and HOS CENTERLINE. Q4000 is currently making preparations for cementing operations. T-time is 82 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **SEISMIC/ACOUSTIC TESTING:** There were no seismic runs conducted on 04 August and no seismic runs are scheduled for today, 05 August. Acoustic activities are ongoing. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **WELL INTEGRITY TEST PLAN:** The well pressure held steady throughout the night with no pressure increase and no anomalies. Wellhead pressure is currently 3525.5 psi. Wellhead temperature has remained consistent at 40 degrees F. (Source Control 0640EDT 04 August)
- **MONITORING:** Temperature at the casing was 39.9 degrees F. Geophones and "big ears" sensors continue monitoring that is being recorded and collected by the BOA SUB C (9275153). Geophones will be retrieved every 48 hours to limit interference with ROV operations. Continue to monitor bubbles at base of well. T-time is 1 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN:** Injectivity test commenced approx 1425CDT 03 August with positive results. At 1509CDT 03 August the "Static Kill" commenced by pumping mud from the Q4000 through the choke and kill manifold into the choke side of the well. As of 1700CDT 04 August pressure is 3506 psi at PT-3K-2 on the Three Ram Capping Stack. The DWH BOP has leaks with hydrate formation that is being monitored. The kill line of the Three Ram Capping Stack valves remain manually locked in the closed position. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **SUB-SEA DISPERSANT:** Dispersant injections at the BOP were secured at 1417CDT 15 July. No other dispersants used at this time. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)

- **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC):** No reported VOCs. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **SHORT TERM CONTAINMENT:** DE has Top Hat #8 standing by. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 1:** Standing by. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 2:** The FSR 2 inner riser has been completed. Upper riser work scheduled. 1060' jumper installed. 2900' jumper is ready but requires 3 vessels to install and to be coordinated around the work over the well. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **SUBSEA TIE-IN:** Planning and design work are ongoing for both the Rigel and Na Kika tie-in options. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)

RELIEF WELL DATA: (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)

	Total Drill Depth (MD=measured or total drilled depth in feet)	Day # of Est. Completion Days	True Vertical Depth (from the sea floor)	Comments
DD-II	15,961'	64 of 104 (63%)	15,200'	T-Time 108 hrs
DD-III	17,864'	87 of 104 (84%)	17,108'	T-Time 94 hrs

- **DD-II:** 2nd Relief Well- DDII is 10,961' below sea floor conducting maintenance and will hold operations and await results of the DDIII relief well. T-time is 108 Hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **DD-III:** 1st Relief Well- DDIII is at a depth of 12,108' below seafloor. Currently tripping in hole and testing the BOP and performing maintenance. T-time is 94 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)

(Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
Q4000	United States	On-scene; Operationally ready to conduct Static Kill	Support vessels connected over the evening (BLUE DOLPHIN & HOS CENTERLINE)	Current T-Time 82 hours. Standing by. Shut down as of 1050CDT, 15 July Operational T-Time 69 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'; conducting final pressure tests.
GECO TOPAZ	United States	On-scene	Seismic Runs	Seismic Runs Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA PISCES	United States	Departed area	Seismic Runs	Seismic Runs with acoustics Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA HENRY B.	United	On-scene	Site Monitoring	Seismic Runs with acoustics

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
BIGELOW	States			Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA GORDON GUNTER	United States	On-scene	Marine Mammal Research	Conducting marine mammal research Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	Marshall Islands	On-scene	Containment	T-time is 49 hours. On site, lowered Top Hat #8 to depth. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
HELIX PRODUCER I	Bahamas	On-scene	Oil Production Will process 20-25,000 bbls of oil/day at the CDP-1 free standing riser. Standing by to receive containment if required	T-time is 12 hours Operational T-Time 30 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
LOCH RANNOCH	United Kingdom	On-scene	Shuttle Tanker Hooked up to HP I & planning to receive 115 bbls of oil from HP1 tomorrow 2 Aug	Capacity is 1,000,000 bbls (40 days on station at full HPI production). Total volume on board is 24,628 bbls. T-time 0 hour
DISCOVERER CLEAR LEADER	Marshall Islands	Standing by Ship Shoal Block 363	Containment	On DP stand by at SS363. 3800' flexible on deck. Capacity is 125,000 bbls. T-Time 0 hours
DISCOVERER INSPIRATION	Marshall Islands	Mississippi Canyon Block 467	Demobilizing	Previously landed capping stack, preparing for demobilization
SKANDI NEPTUNE	Norway	On location	ROV operations; ready for dispersant application if necessary	
MASSACHUSETTS	United States	Moored New Orleans, LA	Shuttle Tank Barge Transfers oil from the DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	
EVI KNUTSEN	Norway	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in area of Loop Anchorage	The tanker will store oil processed by the TOISA PISCES which has no storage capacity Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
NAVION FENNIA	Bahamas	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker	DP trials with TOISA PISCES completed, no discrepancies noted Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
SEILLEAN	Panama	Arrived at Galveston, TX 23 July	Containment USCG inspection team will complete Port State Control Exam prior to depart for MC252	Capacity is 310,000 bbls. Standing by at anchorage offshore Houston-Galveston ship channel. T-time is 0 hours
OVERSEAS CASCADE	United States	Standing by in field	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in the field	On standby in the field. T-time is 0 hours
TOISA PISCES	Liberia	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by for production/containment	The vessel is expected to hook up to the CDP-2 free standing riser to continuously process oil. All tests 100% complete all test, ready to commence operations at MC252. T-Time 0 hours

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
SEACOR RIGOROUS	United States	At staging area	Support	Deployed 12" lightering transfer hose that will be used between HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
LA CHEVAL	United States	At staging area	Support	Hose and assist HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
NORMAND FORTRESS	Norway	On location	Construction support Standing by for lightering if needed	Install the pipeline crossing for the 2 subsea pipeline alternatives
WEST SIRIUS	Panama	Standing by at MC 427	Construction support	Install freestanding Riser 2

CRITICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: (Critical Resources Unit 03 August)

- The list of International offers of Assistance will be posted to HSIN on Monday evenings at 1900EDT
- **International Offers of Assistance: Government to Government**
 - As of 04 August, the NIC has received 67 offers from 33 countries and International Organizations
 - 40 offers were for critical resources, 39 have been accepted
 - In total, 46 govt and Intl Org offers have been accepted to date
- **International Offers of Assistance: Private, Government and IMO Facilitated**
 - As of 04 August, the NIC has received 58 offers of assistance from private companies
 - 25 offers were submitted directly by private entities
 - 33 offers were facilitated by foreign governments or the IMO
 - 34 offers were for critical resources, 6 offers have been accepted
- **Domestic Offers of Resources**
 - As of 04 August, the NIC has received 78 domestic offers
 - 20 originated through the Homeport website
 - 9 offers have been accepted
 - 27 offers were for critical resources; none have been accepted
- **Skimmers (DWH AAG 04 August)**

Foreign Skimmers	Domestic Skimmers	Navy Skimmers	Skimmers Freed up by Emergency Rule
49	835	54	27

- As of 04 August, 835 Skimmers now in theatre. Skimmer numbers published on "Deepwater Horizon At A Glance" daily slide.
- State by State listing of all Inshore and Near Shore skimmers now listed in NIC Deepwater Horizon Response "At a Glance" spreadsheet.
- UAC confirms 309 skimmers delivered on 19 July. (UAC 1600EDT 29 July)
- Number of foreign skimmers in theatre recently verified by UAC CRU (1600EDT 29 July).

- **Domestic Sources:**

Homeport website to collect skimmer availability went live on 01 July at 0900.

- **DOD: RFA 78B**

In theater: 23 offshore skimmers, 27 shallow water skimmers, 4 Harbor Busters, and 35 tow boats.

CLEAN- UP/RESPONSE OPERATIONS SHORESIDE: (DWH AAG 0700EDT 04 August)

	LA	MS	AL	FL	TX	TOTAL
Current Miles of Shoreline Impact	372.5	110.9	72.5	93.2	0	649.1
People Assigned	823	706	1,840	1,976	0	5345

TEXAS:

SHORELINE: No SCAT currently scheduled.

INSHORE: Total recovered 117.66 cubic yards of oily solids.

NEARSHORE: NSTR

LOUISIANA:

OFFSHORE: Currently only sheening found.

SHORELINE: Currently Oiled: Heavy to Moderate: 132 miles; Light to Trace: 240 miles.

INSHORE: Currently only light oiling found. Fishing vessel skimming Task Forces and Shallow Water Barge Skimming Systems were operational.

TOTAL BARRELS COLLECTED ONSHORE/NEARSHORE: 24 bbls (0 bbls collected offshore).

MISSISSIPPI:

SHORELINE: Crews responded to light impact of tarballs in Hancock County. Crews continued clean-up on Belle Fontaine Beach, Petit Bois, Cat, Horn and Ship Islands. Crews conducted night operations on Hancock Beach.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 7 miles; Light to trace: total 103 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom monitoring, surveillance and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

ALABAMA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in Alabama. Limited beach cleaning operations today due to weather conditions. Beach cleaning machines conducted night operations on Dauphin Island and in Baldwin County.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 5 miles; Light to trace: total 67 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom monitoring, surveillance and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

FLORIDA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in Florida; re-oiling reported in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Cleanup crews continued manual cleanup in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties. Crews conducted mechanical beach cleaning in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. New mechanical recovery equipment tested on Eglin Air Force Base. Crews conducted mechanical and manual cleaning at night in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 3 miles; Light to trace: total 90 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom monitoring, surveillance/tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. Optimization of offshore VOO fleet size continues. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

SAFETY/PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NSTR**OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

(NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 04 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining	\$24,626,419.13
Fed Project Ceiling	\$442,500,000.00
Obligated funds to Date	\$404,611,826.70
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining	\$37,888,173.30

BP CLAIMS SUMMARY: (BP Claims 04 August)

- Total Number of Claims: 141,690
- Total Amount Disbursed: Over \$293,099,668
- Number of Claims Denied: 0
- Number of Checks Disbursed: 97,041

BP CLAIMS CALL CENTER (Last 24 Hours): (BP Claims 04 August)

- Calls Received: 1,168
- Call operators: 154
- Checks written: 4,083
- Managers/adjusters in field: 1,261
- Community Offices and Claim Centers: 36

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (UAC Sit Exec Sum 04 August)

- Well Integrity: Continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
- Relief Wells:
 - DDIII- trip in hole with BHA and test BOP
 - DDII- on stand by
- Static Kill Preparations:
 - Monitor status
 - Conduct "go/no go" meeting on cementing
 - Prepare to pump cement if decision is made to proceed
- ENTERPRISE: on stand by
- HELIX PRODUCER: on stand by

NIC STRATEGIC EFFORTS:**• FRTG Flow Rate Analysis**

On 31 July the Government released new daily estimates of oil flow based on the best available data. Total discharge is estimated at 4.93 million barrels with an uncertainty of +/- 10%. The cumulative range of oil released during the event estimated to be between 4,435,260 and 5,420,820 barrels. The revised estimates that the discharge rates ranged from 62,000 bbl/day at the start of the incident to 53,000 bbl/day when the well was capped on 15 July with an uncertainty factor of $\pm 10\%$. The uncertainty factor in the best government estimate was used to create a Higher Flow Estimate and a Lower Flow Estimate report in the Oil Budget Tool. Based on reports of major explosions and burning oil from the first two days of the incident (20-21 April), the FRTG estimate begins on 22 April. In general, the discharge rate trended down over time due to decreasing pressure observed after the well was capped. Severing the riser on 04 June (Day 45), resulted in an estimate of discharge increase of approximately 4%. The Oil budget Calculator was updated on 31 July using the revised Government flow estimates.

• International Engagement Strategy

NIC Strategic Planning staff continues to coordinate with DOS in regards to potential oil spill impacts to Cuba, Bahamas, and other affected countries. A Mexican scientific delegation will visit the NIC in the morning of 04 August with follow-up scientific presentations at the DOS in the afternoon. There will be approximately 30 participants including 15 Mexican representatives and others from NOAA, EPA, USGS, BOEM, USCG, and DOS.

• Hurricane/Severe Weather Contingency Plan

DWH Severe Weather Contingency Plan (SWCP) revision 5 is available on HSIN. Members can access and distribute as needed. The current plan is digitally searchable.

• NIC Strategy Implementation

NIC Strategy Implementation version 3.0 has been signed and is available via HSIN in the Interagency Strategic Planning folder. A draft NIC Strategy Implementation version 4.0 is in progress and will be distributed to IASG for comment.

• Transition Planning

NIC Interagency Strategic Planning is developing a NIC Transition Plan. Upon shut-in of the well (top and bottom kill), and with very little recoverable oil remaining, the need for a NIC will diminish rapidly. The requirement to effectively transition from the current NIC to a Regional Incident Commander (RIC) must be planned and executed with consideration of NIC functions, multiple factors, and competing interests. The NIC functional transition will be driven by conditions and as these conditions are met, they will drive the evolution and transition of the NIC to a RIC. The RIC will be an interim construct, similar to the NIC yet with reduced functions and authorities. The RIC will continue to provide federal oversight to the ongoing response and recovery efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.



National Incident Commander Daily Situation Update

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(Updates in RED)

- **NIC Lessons Learned**

NIC Strategic Planning is developing a NIC focused Lessons Learned/Best Practices plan for implementation. The intent of this plan is to capture lessons learned from all NIC team members, plans, policies, procedures, and response systems.



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NOC-PRODUCED SENIOR LEADERSHIP BRIEF

1100 EDT 04 August 2010

The Senior Leadership Brief is updated Monday through Friday only.

Secretary of Homeland Security Priorities

- Ensure Responsible Party (RP) continues efforts to permanently stop the oil leak.
- Ensure all capabilities (government, private, and commercial) and resources are being leveraged to protect the environment and facilitate a rapid, robust cleanup effort.
- Ensure every effort is being made to include and inform the local communities in support of response operations.

Current Situation

- **Oil Stoppage**
 - **Well Integrity Plan**
 - Well Integrity Test ongoing. (NIC)
 - Oil flow remains secured.
 - **Three-ram capping stack pressure is 5,111 pounds per square inch (-1,878 psi).**
 - Monitoring minor BOP leak and hydrate formation.
 - **No seismic runs conducted 3 Aug.**
 - **3 seismic runs planned for 4 Aug.**
 - **Hydrostatic Control Plan:**
 - **Vessel Q4000 continues static kill operations with vessels BJ BLUE DOLPHIN and HOS CENTERLINE.**
 - **Injectivity test commenced at 1525 EDT 3 Aug with positive results.**
 - **Static Kill operations commenced at 1603 EDT 3 Aug by pumping mud from the vessel Q4000 through the choke and kill manifold into the choke side of the well. (NIC)**
 - **Relief Wells**
 - **Drill Rig DDIII (first relief well) completed cementing operations, currently performing maintenance; drill depth 12,108 ft (-507 ft), below sea floor (17,357 ft below drill floor). (NIC)**
 - **Drill Rig DDII (second relief well) conducting maintenance and will hold operations and await results of the DDIII relief well; drill depth 10,961 ft (no change) below sea floor, (16,179 ft below drill floor). (NIC)**
 - **Long Term Containment and Disposal Project (CDP)**
 - CDP-1: Standing by. (NIC)
 - CDP-2: Standing by. (NIC)
 - **Subsea Tie-In**
 - Planning and design ongoing. (NIC)
 - **Lower Marine Riser Package (LMRP) TOP HAT**
 - Vessel ENTERPRISE standing by with TOP HAT 8. (NIC)



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- **Oil/Gas Recovery**
 - No gas or oil recovered/flared 3 Aug.
 - Total oil/gas recovered/flared to date: 827,033 barrels (no change) of oil and 1,863 million cubic ft (no change) of gas. (NIC)
- **Oil Flow**
 - Flow Rate Technical Group (FRTG) estimates oil discharged to date is 3,000,000 – 5,200,000 barrels (no change). (NIC)
- **Oil Landfall**
 - **No skimmable oil observed offshore, however shoreline cleanup, boom maintenance and deployment are continuing in areas along the Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and northern Florida coastlines.**
 - **Current amount of shoreline impacted: 643.5 miles (+3 miles) (NIC)**
 - AL: (NIC)
 - No new significant oiling reported; beaches cleaned in Mobile and Baldwin Counties.
 - FL: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported in the state of Florida; cleanup continues in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties.
 - LA: (NIC)
 - Currently only sheening found.
 - MS: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported in state of Mississippi; crews continue to cleanup Belle Fontaine Beach, Petit Bois, Cat, and Ship Islands.
 - TX: (NIC)
 - No Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Team operations scheduled.
- **Operations**
 - No In Situ Burns (ISB) conducted 2 Aug. (NIC)
 - Booming/skimming operations continue, weather permitting. (NIC)
 - Oily water mixture recovered to date: 826,466 barrels (no change).
- **Health Concerns**
 - Heat stress remains the primary health concern for response workers. (OHA)
- **Dispersants**
 - No aerial dispersant flights flown 3 Aug. (NIC)
 - Subsea dispersant injection has stopped. (NIC)



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- **Shipping Channels/Ports**
 - All shipping channels/ports remain open in the Gulf Coast Region. (USCG)
 - To date, a total of 6 vessels have required decontamination. (NIC)

- **Assets on Scene:**
 - **Personnel: 31,187 (-231) (NIC)**
 - **Boom to date: 11,787,246 ft (+40,250 ft); 3,586,790 ft (+800 ft) containment and 8,200,456 (+39,450 ft) sorbent. (UAC)**
 - Dispersant to date: 1,843,786 gals (no change), (1,072,514 surface/771,272 subsea) (NIC)
 - **Total vessels assigned: 5,039 (-15) (NIC)**
 - Fixed-wing aircraft: 29 (no change) (NIC)
 - Helicopters: 56 (no change) (NIC)

Federal Agencies/Departments

- **US Coast Guard (USCG)**
 - Continuing incident coordination and response activities.

- **Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**
 - Providing flight advisory information to aircraft participating in disaster response and video to track oil plume movement; **mission-hours to date: 1,384.5 (+10.9 hours).**

- **Interagency Remote Sensing Coordination Cell (IRSCC)**
 - Active at the Unified Area Command; managing remote sensing platforms.

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
 - Supporting NIC activities and Federal On-Scene Coordinator.

- **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
 - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service providing wildlife recovery services.

- **Department of Defense (DoD)**
 - 1,708 National Guard members activated in LA, MS, AL, and FL.

- **Department of Energy (DOE)**
 - Assisting Unified Area Command and supporting interagency solutions group.

- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
 - Continuing to sample air, water, sediment, and waste.



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- **Health and Human Services (HHS).**
 - 2 shrimp and 2 finfish samples, from MS area-barrier zone 5 East & West, were completed 2 Aug; test results for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) for were below levels of concern
 - **Total personnel deployed: 43 (-6)**
- **Department of the Interior (DOI)**
 - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) continues to assist with well integrity tests.
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**
 - Weather forecast:
 - **Wed, 4 Aug: South-southwest winds 5 knots; seas 1 ft.**
 - **Thurs, 5 Aug: South-southwest winds at 5-8 knots; 1 ft.**
 - **Fri, 6 Aug: Southwest winds 5-7 knots; seas 1 ft.**
- **Department of State (DOS)**
 - Assisting in coordinating the response to offers for international assistance.
- **Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - Assisting with air traffic control operations, including temporary flight restrictions.

Critical Infrastructure Key Resources (CIKR)

- **National Infrastructure Coordinating Center (NICC)**
 - Continuing to monitor CIKR.

State and Local Agencies

- AL, FL, LA, MS and TX are communicating with DHS daily.

National Operations Center

- Current Posture: Phase 2 - Concern; Crisis Action Team activated.
- **The next SLB will be published at 1100 EDT 5 Aug.**



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Media

NOLA JIC

- 4 CBS crew on CGC Decisive – LT McLay conducted Live Interview

MOBILE JIC

- CNN – Phone interview with USCG – Scott Carr & Waste Management Mike McAnulty: Pecan Grove landfill

HOUMA JIC

- AP reporter Mary Foster, on board flight w/aerial spotters LCDR Gary Ball & ME1 Shaw

FLORIDA PENINSULAR JIC

- Town Hall meeting hosted by SECNAV. Top issues were economic recovery, alternative and renewable energy, dispersant use, long-term commitment to GOM restoration, distrust in government, frustration with “red tape” and bureaucracy, and a need for even greater transparency. Tenor of meeting was calm and professional. Support for Coast Guard enthusiastically expressed at 2.5 hour meeting with nearly 270 attendees.

Social Media

- Deepwater Horizon Response Update ~ The Ongoing Administration-Wide Response to the Deepwater BP Oil Spill for the last 24-hours. To keep informed on the latest information from the Unified Area Command go to: <http://ht.ly/2kQH5>
- New: Think Tank Creates the SWORD in Support of the Deepwater Horizon Response. To read the complete release, click here: <http://ht.ly/2kymc>
- New: Sea turtle hatchlings relocated from the Gulf of Mexico’s oil spill area released into the Atlantic Ocean. To read the complete release, click here: <http://ht.ly/2koAn>
- Update: The Ongoing Administration-Wide Response to the Deepwater BP Oil Spill. To keep informed on the latest information from the Unified Area Command go to: <http://ht.ly/2kkWu>



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NGO, Non-Governmental Organizations

- Nothing to report

Government Relations

- 0800 BOEM – Director Bromwich Panel regional meeting on drilling, safety and response in New Orleans.
- 0930 Two members of Rep. Gus Bilirakis’s staff will tour the Branch CP. CDR Burns and Timyn Rice from DEP will conduct the tour and briefing.
- 1800 Branch Key West – the natural resource defense coalition hosting a Gulf oil spill forum at the NOAA eco-discovery center in Key West.
- TBD Branch Miami to host their ongoing bi-weekly Area Committee teleconference



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Key Message/Messages

"Based on the successful completion of the static kill procedure and a positive evaluation of the test results, I have authorized BP to cement its damaged well. I made it clear that implementation of this procedure shall in no way delay the completion of the relief well."

Adm. Thad Allen

Key Efforts

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

- 1000 Branch St. Petersburg will conduct tactical evaluation of Collier County.
- 1130 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Mabus Town Hall in Plaquemines Parish LA to discuss the Gulf's long term economic recovery with elected officials and the general public
- 1400 Local Officials Teleconference
- 1400 Congressional Teleconference
- 1800 SECNAV Town Hall in Terrebonne Parish, LA.
- TBD Request from the Humane Society of Louisiana for a USCG speaker at their "The Gulf Coast Strategic Planning Conference: Helping Animals in Need" conference being held August 7-8. UAC is coordinating.

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Friday, August 6

- 1130 SECNAV Town Hall in Galveston, TX.
- 1300 Director Thresher, TRICARE Regional Director to visit to UAC (Venice Branch)
- TBD EPA/NAACP will tour a waste disposal and decon facility in Grand Isle, LA

Saturday, August 7

- 745 TRICARE Director Thresher to visit Vince, LA
- 1000 SECNAV Town Hall in Bay St. Louis, MS
- 1300 Director Thresher, TRICARE Regional Director to visit to ICP Houma
- 1400 SECNAV Town Hall in Ocean Springs, MS

Monday, August 9

- 0600 International Observers Program to visit UAC
- 1400 Rep. Bonner visit to ICP Mobile for an updated DWH brief with USCG, ADEM and BP

Tuesday, August 10

- 0600 International Observers Program to visit ICP Houma
- TBD Attorney General Holder to visit the Gulf. Looking to incorporate stop at Pensacola beach. Possible operation



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overview, beach tour, and claim center discussion with staff.

TBD Branch Jacksonville to conduct a Fernandina residence outreach meeting on DWH topics.
TBD Branch Jacksonville is coordinating DWH community outreach Q&A meetings with Fernandina Beach and Brevard Counties.
TBD Branch St. Petersburg LNO will coordinate a phone conference this week with Sarasota County and their local Sierra Club to address wildlife concerns.
TBD Canadian Coast Guard in New Orleans to be a part of the IOP
TBD BOEM – Director Bromwich Panel in Mobile, AL.

Wednesday, August 11

0600 International Observers Program to visit Grand Isle
TBD BOEM – Dir. Bromwich Panel in Pensacola, FL
TBD ADM Allen to visit ICP Mobile or walkthrough and all-hands meeting

Thursday, August 12

0830 Senator Sessions requests a transition plan briefing at ICP Mobile. Staff to attend.
TBD USCG, NIC briefing on the Incident Command Transition Strategy and its impact for Alabama with Senator Sessions (AL) & Staff
TBD ADM Allen to tour Barataria Bay

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus Town Hall Schedule:

Thursday, 5 August, 2010:

1130-1300 Plaquemines Parish LA
1800-1930 Terrebonne Parish LA

Friday, 6 August, 2010:

1130-1330 Galveston TX

Issues/Activities and Status

- Governor Riley and Alabama Representative Spencer Collier requesting that federal royalties from off-shore drilling be shared with Alabama (Mobile and Baldwin Counties, specifically).
- Government Entity Funding Process Conference Call Meeting
- Request from the Florida Government Communicators Association for a speaker to discuss the use of social media in passing information regarding the oil spill. Meeting to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Palm Beach Gardens, FL on August 3-4.

Trends



- Local fishermen continue to express confusion regarding the process and criteria for the Vessels of Opportunity program. They are hopeful the new program changes will help. CR referred this issue to BP CR counterparts.

What Others Are Saying

Social Media

Communication Statistics:

Facebook Followers: 39,435 (-40)

Twitter: Followers: 8,512 (-2); Lists: 723 (0)

YouTube: Views: 2,562,963 (+943); Videos: 127 (+1); Subscribers: 1829 (+20)

Flickr: Photos: 1003 (+2); Views: 246,580 (+945)

Total Website Hits: 138,266,984 Daily Website Hits: (+776,334)

Total number of opt-ins for SMS new alerts: 6357 (+14)

Trends:

- Deepwater Horizon Response Update ~ The Ongoing Administration-Wide Response to the Deepwater BP Oil Spill for the last 24-hours. To keep informed on the latest information from the Unified Area Command go to: <http://ht.ly/2jLHA>
- Ask a Responder: Q & A with an Aerial Observer. To read the full story click here: <http://ht.ly/2jvH0>

Facebook Trends:

- Continued concerns from a small group of vocal commenter's about dispersants, the amount used and how it will affect the environment and seafood of the Gulf for the long term. This is no longer a true trend but rather a repetition of the same concerns from basically the same group.
 - Another group of followers are refuting the claims of the group mentioned above.
- Questions and concerns on the fate of the oil (oil budget) release. Disbelief that the oil has disappeared in what is perceived to be a short amount of time.
 - Talking points needed to follow up on the "oil budget" release. There is a significant amount of disbelief in the analysis.
- Ongoing concern regarding the safety of seafood in the Gulf region; what are the long-term plans to ensure seafood is safe to consume and free of oil or contaminants.
 - Talking points needed to reassure the public and provide more information about the methodology, types of tests, and outline of process's along with data results
- What is ahead after the successful, "static kill" operation? What is the long term commitment to the cleanup?
 - Talking points needed to reassure public on overall plan for clean up and how it will affect them and the Gulf environment.

Twitter Trends:

- Continued concerns about dispersants and amount used and how it will affect environment and seafood in the long term.
- The "static kill" effectively plugging the leak in the Deepwater Horizon well.
- Sea Turtle relocations were a topic of interest.

Blog Trends:

- Social media channels discussed the apparent success of the "static kill" operation designed to be the next step in permanently sealing the well.
- Some bloggers talked about the oil spill estimate and the ultimate fate of the oil released into the Gulf. This included the oil spill "budget".
- Ongoing concern for the impact of the oil spill on birds and marine life.



- Several blogs reported on the report that the deepwater drilling ban will be lifted in the near future.

UNIFIED AREA COMMAND MEDIA ANALYSIS

Media Analysis:

Later this afternoon various national and international media outlets have focused on today's announcement by President Obama and key administration officials regarding the nearing end of the oil spill and its effects on the gulf waters. Furthermore, there has been significant attention to the Congressional inquiry as to the long term effects on the Gulf of Mexico. Most of the coverage has had positive to neutral tone. In the late afternoon there was a greater focus on dispersants and the health and safety affect. The social media report noted a continued public concerns over the use of dispersants as well as questions about the estimates released today about the oil budget.

Media Review

BP: 'Static Kill' Successfully Controls Blown-out Well Washington Post, August 4, 2010 The blown-out Macondo well has reached a "static condition," oil giant BP said early Wednesday, meaning that pressure inside the well has been brought under control through a mud-pumping process that began Tuesday afternoon. BP called the achievement "a significant milestone" and said it stopped pumping mud into the well after about eight hours because the effort had been successful. "The well is now being monitored, per the agreed procedure, to ensure it remains static," the company said in a statement. "Further pumping of mud may or may not be required depending on results observed during monitoring."

BP: Mud Pumped Into Well Is Holding Back The Oil Associated Press, August 4, 2010 ON THE GULF OF MEXICO — In a significant step toward stopping the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, BP said Wednesday mud that was forced down its blown-out well was holding back the flow of crude in the Gulf of Mexico and it was in a "static condition." Workers stopped pumping mud in after about eight hours of their "static kill" procedure and were monitoring the well to ensure it remained stable, BP said. "It's a milestone," BP PLC spokeswoman Sheila Williams said. "It's a step toward the killing of the well."

BP Well In Gulf Killed With Heavy Mud In 8-hour Operation McClatchy, August 4, 2010 WASHINGTON — BP's Deepwater Horizon well, which for 87 days spewed millions of barrels of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico in the worst accidental oil spill the world has ever seen, has been successfully killed by thousands of tons heavy drilling mud. BP announced early Wednesday morning that a so-called "static kill" had succeeded in forcing the Macondo well's oil back into rock formations 18,000 feet below the sea's surface. "The MC252 well appears to have reached a static condition," BP said in a news release, calling the well by the Mississippi Canyon lease number it was assigned when BP bought the rights to drill there from the federal government in 2008.

BP 'Plugs' Gulf Of Mexico Oil Spill AFP, August 4, 2010 NEW ORLEANS - BP said Wednesday that it had succeeded in plugging a ruptured oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, signalling an end to the worst spill in the United States' history. The eight-hour "static kill" procedure, which involved pumping heavy drilling fluid known in the industry as mud into the busted well, had gone as planned although the situation would continue to be monitored. "The well pressure is now being controlled by the hydrostatic pressure of the drilling mud, the desired outcome of the static kill procedure," the British company said in a statement.

Oil Spill Drives Bassmaster Contest From Mobile To Georgia Mobile (AL) Press-Register, August 4, 2010 A regional bass fishing championship planned for the Mobile-Tensaw Delta is relocating because the oil spill -- and subsequent media coverage of oiled birds and dead fish -- is scaring away anglers, according to organizers. Between 300 and 400 fishermen were projected to participate in the Toyota Tundra Bassmaster Weekend Series Regional Championship, creating an economic impact of about \$1.5 million over the course of the weekend, said Bud Ratliff, director of the Mobile Bay Sports Authority, which spent two years recruiting the tournament.



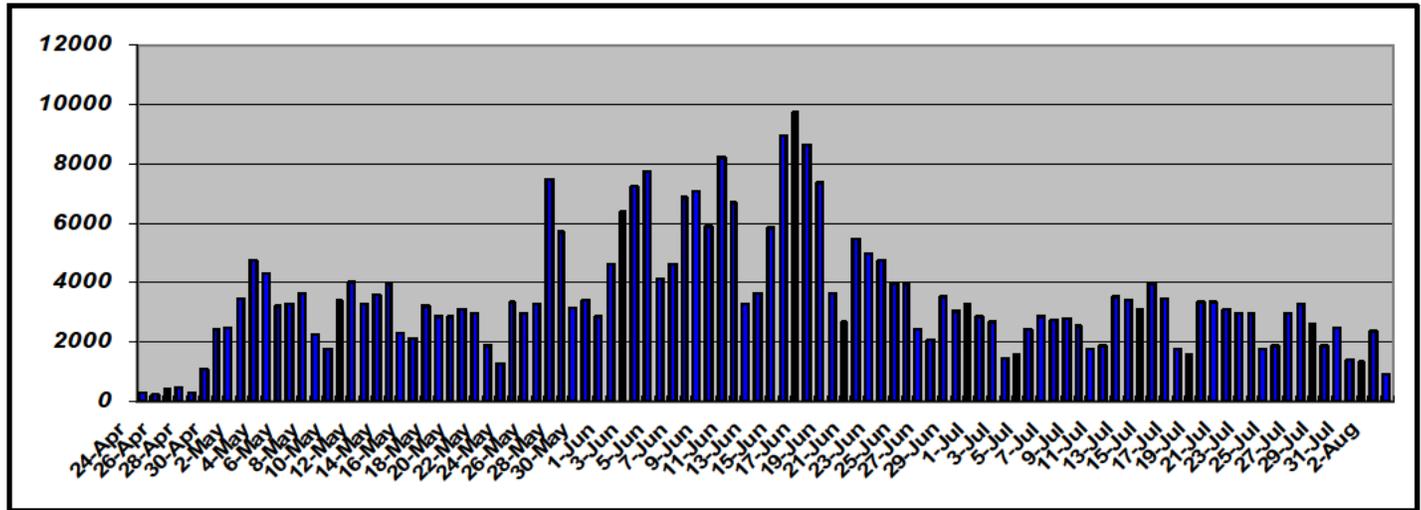
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Oil Spill: Static Kill Begins; Baldwin County Hotel And Condo Bookings Plummet Mobile (AL) Press-Register, August 4, 2010 The procedure that could finally plug the broken Gulf of Mexico well began Tuesday afternoon, but it will take “a bunch of hours to a couple of days” to complete, according to BP PLC. During a news conference that began 30 minutes after the start of the procedure, BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells said he could not then say whether it was working. “There’s no way for me to give you any early indication. The only thing I would say is, the injectivity test went well, and so that gives us ... encouragement,” Wells said. Still, federal officials reiterated that the completion of a relief well, long heralded as the permanent solution to the leak, would be needed to plug the gusher permanently.

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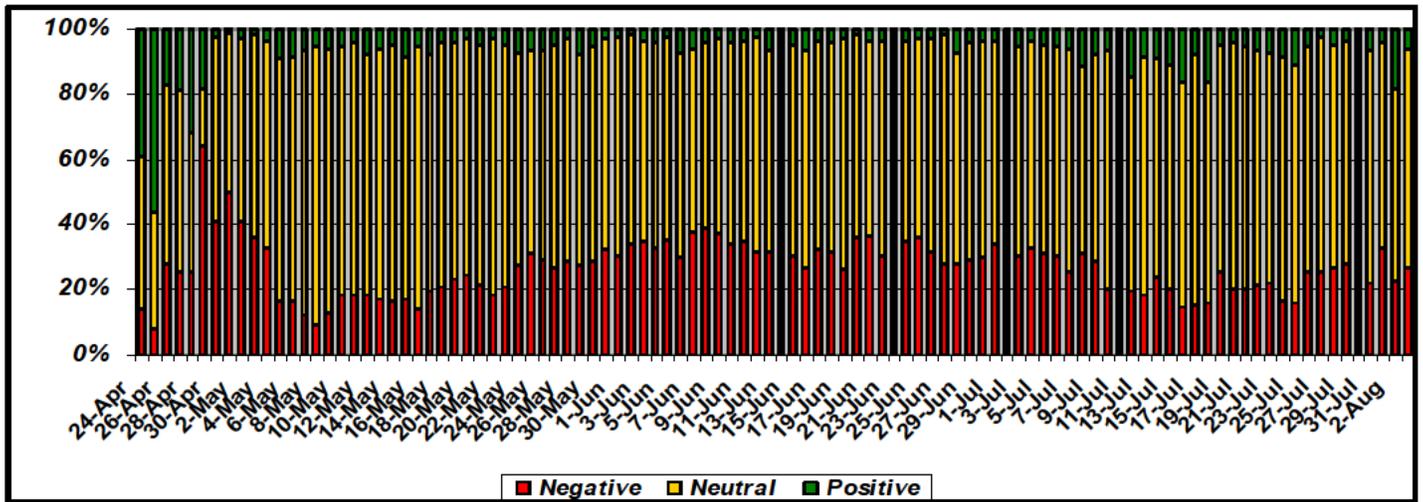


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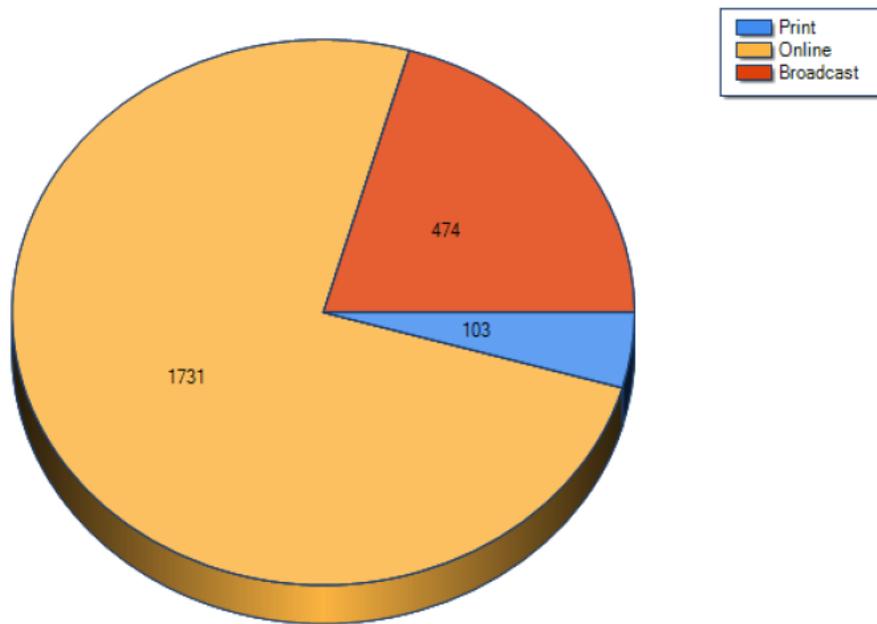
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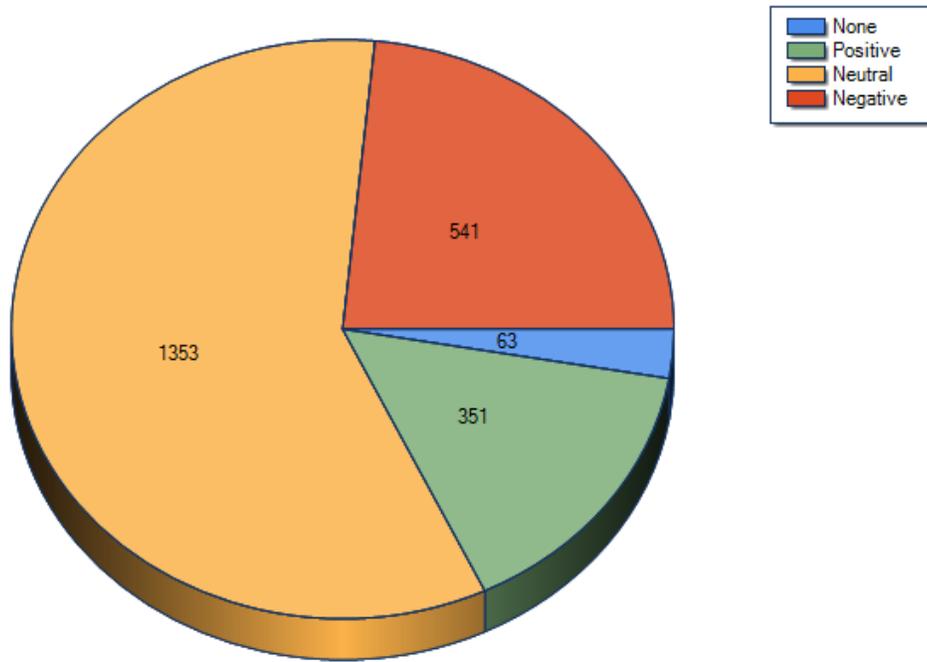
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President Obama Addresses Economic Hardship Affecting Gulf Coast Residents

President Obama addressed the economic struggles many Americans are experiencing, including Gulf Coast residents, in his remarks at a meeting with labor leaders.

“One place in our country where people have faced particular struggles in the last few months is in the Gulf of Mexico as a result of the BP oil spill. So it was very welcome news when we learned overnight that efforts to stop the well through what’s called a ‘static kill’ appear to be working—and that a report out today by our scientists show that the vast majority of the spilled oil has been dispersed or removed from the water. So the long battle to stop the leak and contain the oil is finally close to coming to an end. And we are very pleased with that,” he said.

“Our recovery efforts, though, will continue. We have to reverse the damage that’s been done, we will continue to work to hold polluters accountable for the destruction they’ve caused, we’ve got to make sure that folks who were harmed are reimbursed, and we’re going to stand by the people of the region however long it takes until they’re back on their feet.”

Admiral Allen, Administrator Lubchenco, Carol Browner, and Press Secretary Gibbs Provide an Update on the BP Oil Spill Response

National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen, NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco and Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Carol Browner joined Press Secretary Robert Gibbs at the White House to provide a briefing to inform the American public and answer questions on the administration-wide response to the BP oil spill.



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Dr. Lubchenco discussed a newly-released report compiled by federal scientists, using what's known as an Oil Budget Calculator, to determine the fate of the oil from the leaking well. Admiral Allen reported on the progress of the static diagnostics test and discussions underway involving the federal science team on whether to follow up the drilling mud with cement, but again reiterated the importance of the relief well to ultimately kill the well: "This job will not be complete until we finish the relief well and have pumped the mud in and cemented it from the bottom, or the bottom kill, if you will."

Carol Browner reiterated the President's commitment to long-term recovery. "There remains a lot to be done. While sort of the first phase of closing the well may be coming to an end, there's another phase, which is the restoration. It's making sure that these communities, the individuals in these communities, are made whole," she said. "We are going to continue to ensure that BP is held accountable for the damage that they did, for the economic losses, and ultimately for the natural resource damages and all of the restoration that will take place in the Gulf communities and in the Gulf at large."

Federal Science Report Details Fate of Oil from BP Spill

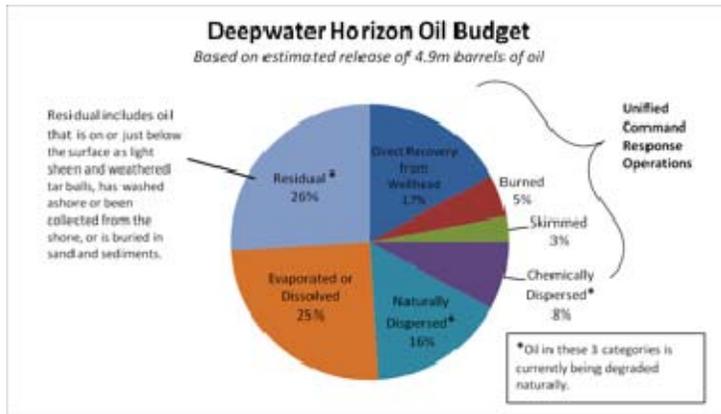
According to a federal science report, the vast majority of the oil from the BP oil spill has either evaporated or been burned, skimmed, recovered from the wellhead or dispersed—much of which is in the process of being degraded. A significant amount of this is the direct result of the robust federal response efforts.

The estimates were derived by NOAA and the Department of the Interior, who jointly developed the Oil Budget Calculator, to provide measurements and best estimates of what happened to the spilled oil. The calculator is based on 4.9 million barrels of oil released into the Gulf, the government's Flow Rate Technical Group estimate from Monday. More than 25 of the best government and independent scientists contributed to or reviewed the calculator and its calculation methods—part of continued efforts to engage the brightest scientific minds in this response.



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The chart below outlines the breakdown of what has happened to the oil released into the Gulf of Mexico since the oil spill began in April:



Admiral Allen Approves Procedure to Cement BP's Damaged Well

Based on the successful completion of the static kill procedure and a positive evaluation of the test results, Admiral Allen authorized BP to cement its damaged well—making it clear that implementation of this procedure shall in no way delay the completion of the relief well.

Director Bromwich Hosts Fact-Finding Forum in New Orleans

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement Director Michael R. Bromwich hosted the first off a series of public forums in New Orleans, La.—designed to collect information and views from academia; the environmental community; federal, state and local officials; and the oil and gas industry on technical issues related to deepwater drilling safety reforms, well containment, and oil spill response.

Director Bromwich will consider this feedback in evaluating whether to recommend any modifications to the scope or duration of the deepwater drilling suspensions announced by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on July 12.



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FWS Personnel Continue Wildlife Rescue and Recovery Missions Across the Region

From the Houma, La., Incident Command Post, 238 field personnel, 86 vessels and three helicopters participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions. From the Mobile, Ala., Incident Command Post, wildlife recovery teams comprised of 90 volunteers responded to 51 calls on the Wildlife Hotline. To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.

Approved SBA Economic Injury Assistance Loans Surpass \$18.7 Million

SBA has approved 217 economic injury assistance loans to date, totaling more than \$18.7 million for small businesses in the Gulf Coast impacted by the BP oil spill. Additionally, the agency has granted deferments on 770 existing SBA disaster loans in the region, totaling more than \$4.2 million per month in payments. For information on assistance loans for affected businesses, visit the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, call (800) 659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Administration Continues to Oversee BP's Claims Process

The administration will continue to hold the responsible parties accountable for repairing the damage, and repaying Americans who've suffered a financial loss as a result of the BP oil spill. To date, 141,690 claims have been opened, from which more than \$293 million have been disbursed. No claims have been denied to date. There are 1,261 claims adjusters on the ground. To file a claim, visit www.bp.com/claims or call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118. Additional information about the BP claims process and all available avenues of assistance can be found at www.disasterassistance.gov.

By the Numbers to Date:

The administration has authorized the deployment of 17,500 National Guard troops from Gulf Coast states to respond to this crisis; currently, 1,581 are active.

Approximately 31,200 personnel are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines.



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More than 5,000 vessels are currently responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.

Approximately 3.12 million feet of containment boom* and 8.2 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed to contain the spill—and approximately 970,000 feet of containment boom and 3.14 million feet of sorbent boom are available.

More than 34.7 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.

Approximately 1.84 million gallons of total dispersant have been applied—1.07 million on the surface and 771,000 sub-sea. Approximately 577,000 gallons are available.

411 controlled burns have been conducted, efficiently removing a total of more than 11.14 million gallons of oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife. Because calculations on the volume of oil burned can take more than 48 hours, the reported total volume may not reflect the most recent controlled burns.

17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines.

Approximately 650 miles of Gulf Coast shoreline is currently oiled—approximately 373 miles in Louisiana, 111 miles in Mississippi, 73 miles in Alabama, and 93 miles in Florida. These numbers reflect a daily snapshot of shoreline currently experiencing impacts from oil so that planning and field operations can more quickly respond to new impacts; they do not include cumulative impacts to date, or shoreline that has already been cleared.

Approximately 57,539 square miles of Gulf of Mexico federal waters remain closed to fishing in order to balance economic and public health concerns. Approximately 76 percent remains open. Details can be found at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.

To date, the administration has leveraged assets and skills from numerous foreign countries and international organizations as part of this historic, all-hands-on-deck response, including Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, the United Nations' International Maritime Organization, the European Union's Monitoring



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and Information Centre, and the European Maritime Safety Agency.

**The decrease in boom numbers is due to the continued recovery of displaced boom. Once recovered, this boom must be decontaminated, repaired, inspected, and certified before being staged or redeployed. New boom is being deployed in some areas.*



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LOOP CURRENT

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Loop Current Location Relative to Oil Slick

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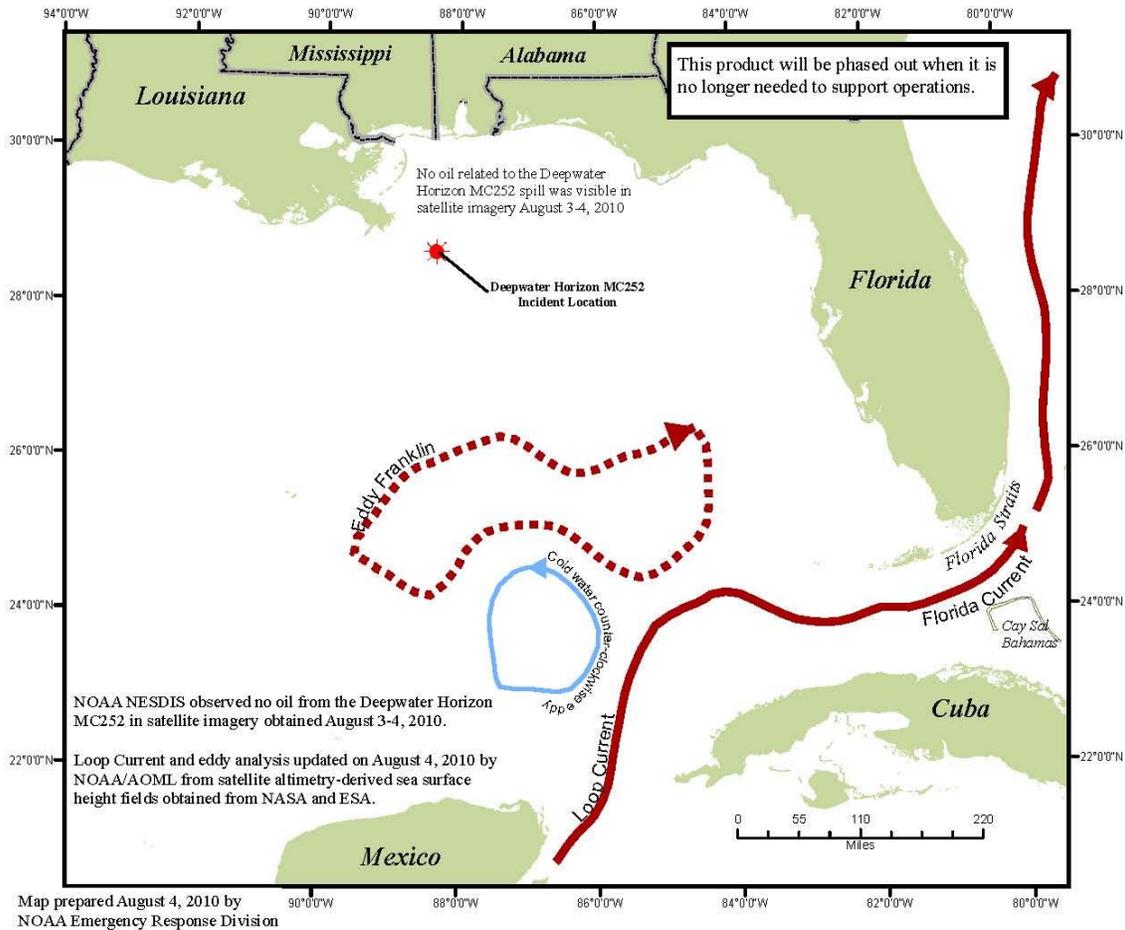


The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is closely monitoring the Deepwater Horizon MC252 (BP oil spill) slick's proximity to the Loop Current in the Gulf of Mexico.

- The Loop Current is an area of warm water that comes up from the Caribbean, flowing past the Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico) and into the Gulf of Mexico.
- It generally curves east across the Gulf and then flows south parallel to the west Florida coast; there it becomes the Florida Current as it moves through the Florida Straits, joins the Gulf Stream and travels up the Atlantic Coast, veering progressively farther away from the coast.
- Sometimes the northern part of the Loop Current separates from the main Loop Current, forming a large rotating region of water, known as an eddy.
- There are also smaller eddies that form along the edges of the Loop Current.

Both the location of the Loop Current and location of the oil slick are dynamic and constantly changing. The present location of the oil is identified daily through analysis of satellite imagery, observer overflights and advanced technology on aircraft. This information is also keeping us informed of how far away the oil is from the Loop Current each day. If oil from the spill enters the Loop Current, it would take at least a few days or more to reach the Florida Straits. During this transit time, the natural processes of evaporation and dispersion would reduce the oil volume significantly, and make it less toxic. The remaining oil would be mostly in the form of tarballs.

The figure below, updated daily, shows the location of the oil spill based on satellite imagery. It also depicts the present location of the Loop Current, an eddy north of the Loop Current called Eddy Franklin, and some counter clockwise eddies associated with Eddy Franklin. There has been no indication of oil in or near the Loop Current for over six weeks. There is now very little visible surface oil, and with and with the forecast winds, Eddy Franklin separated from the Loop Current, and no eddies in position to move oil toward Eddy Franklin, the risk of the Loop Current transporting a significant amount of oil is extremely low. NOAA will continue to monitor the situation daily until further notice.





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National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701-5505

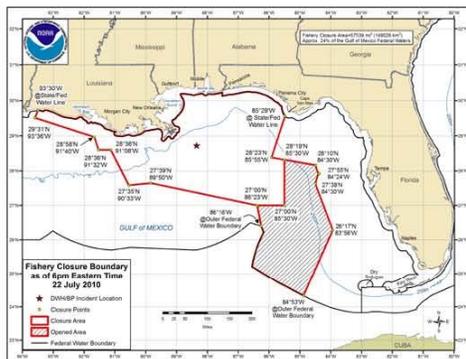
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BP Oil Spill: NOAA Re-opens Previously Closed Portions of the Gulf of Mexico to Commercial and Recreational Fishing

Effective **July 22, 2010 at 6 p.m. eastern time** (5 p.m. central time), NOAA will reopen 26,388 square miles (68,345 sq km) of area it had previously closed to commercial and recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico in response to the BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill. All commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in the remaining closed area; however, transit through the area is allowed.

observed in the northeastern Gulf was projected to enter the loop current and move south. Since mid-June, NOAA data has shown no oil in the area, and United States Coast Guard observers flying over the area in the last 30 days have also not seen any oil. Trajectory models show the area is at a low risk for future exposure to oil. NOAA collected 52 samples of fish from this area, including commercially and recreationally important species. Sensory testing showed no detectable oil or dispersant odors or flavors in the samples, and the results of chemical analysis were well below levels of concern.



Map Link:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/deepwater_horizon/BP_OilSpill_FisheryClosureMap_072210.pdf

The closed area now measures 57,539 sq mi (149,026 sq km) and covers about 24% of the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone. Before the southern area was re-opened, 83,927 miles (217,371 sq km), or roughly 35% of federal waters of the Gulf, were closed to fishing. NOAA will continue to evaluate the need for fisheries closures based on the evolving nature of the spill and will re-open closed areas as appropriate.

The re-opened area was originally closed as a precaution, because light oil sheen that had been

NOAA continues to work closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the states to ensure seafood safety, by closing fishing areas where tainted seafood could potentially be caught, and assessing whether seafood is tainted or contaminated to levels that pose a risk to human health. NOAA and FDA are working together to sample seafood from inside and outside the closure area, as well as dockside- and market-based sampling.

The closed area is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following coordinates:

North latitude	West longitude
At state/federal line	85° 29'
28° 23'	85° 55'
28° 19'	85° 30'
27° 00'	85° 30'
27° 00'	86° 23'
27° 39'	89° 50'
27° 35'	90° 33'
28° 36'	91° 08'
28° 36'	91° 32'
28° 58'	91° 40'
29° 31'	93° 36'
At the state/federal line	93° 30'
Follow the state/federal water line easterly to beginning point	



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Reminders

Modeling and mapping the actual and projected spill area is not an exact science. NOAA Fisheries Service strongly advises fishermen not to fish in areas where oil or oil sheens (very thin layers of floating oil) are present, even if those areas are not currently closed to fishing.

If state waters are closed to fishing due to the oil spill, all vessels must comply with that closure. If state waters

Ways to Receive Closure Information:

- Sign up for Southeast Fishery Bulletins: send an email to: SERO.Communications.Comments@noaa.gov
- Call 1-800-627-NOAA (1-800-627-6622) to hear a recording of the current coordinates (with messages in Spanish and Vietnamese)
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for updates
- Sign up for text messages on your cell phone: text fishing@gulf to 84469 (for more information, visit <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/558107>)
- Follow us on Twitter: usnoagov to get a tweet when the closed area changes

are not closed to fishing due to the oil spill, federally permitted vessels may fish in those waters while abiding by all other applicable regulations.

Permit holders are reminded to maintain their federal vessel permits by submitting timely reporting requirements and renewal applications, even if the vessel is not currently engaged in fishing activities.

Links for more information:

Southeast Regional Office's Web page:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm

NOAA's National Ocean Service

<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov>

Deepwater Horizon Response

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call 1-800-440-0858.



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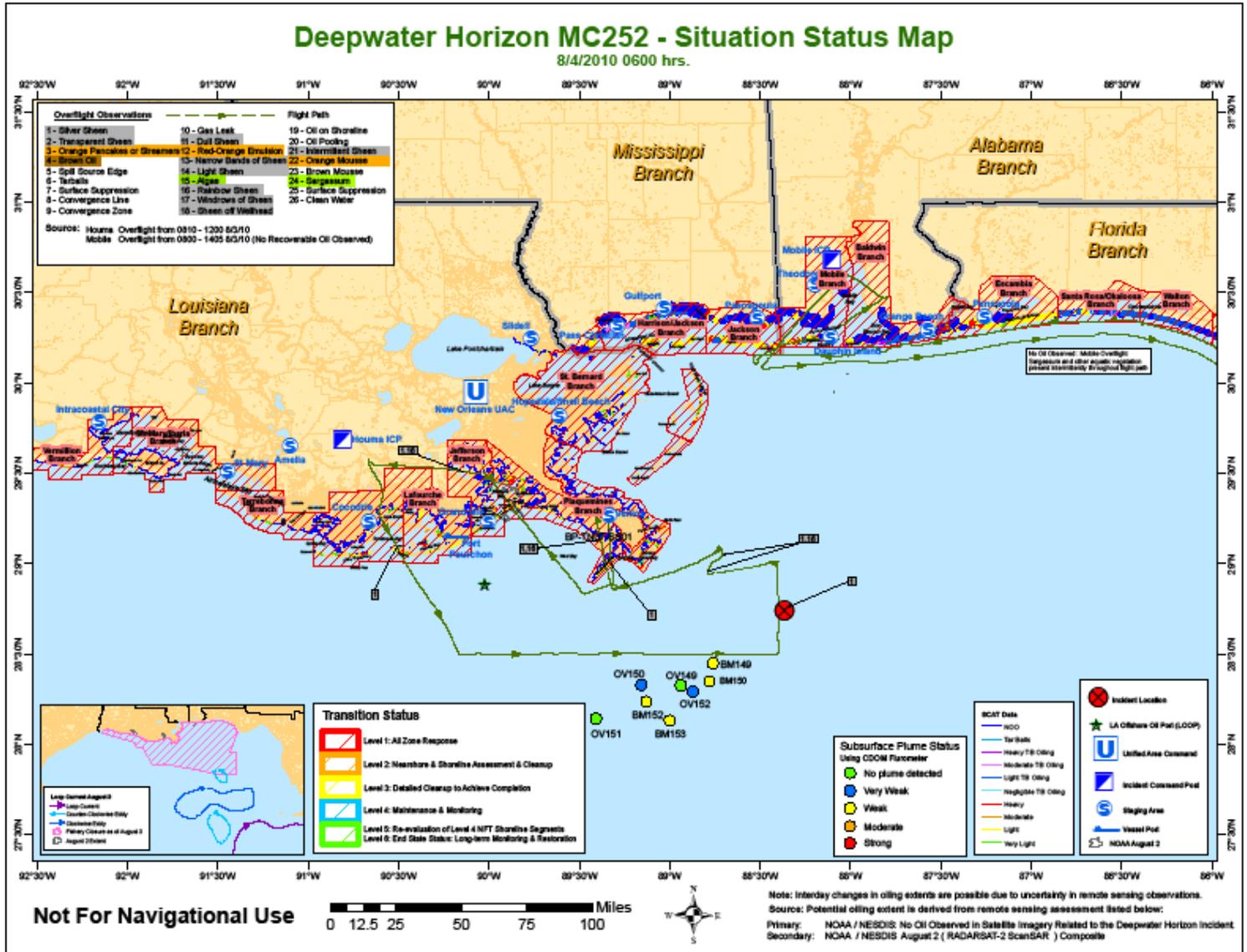


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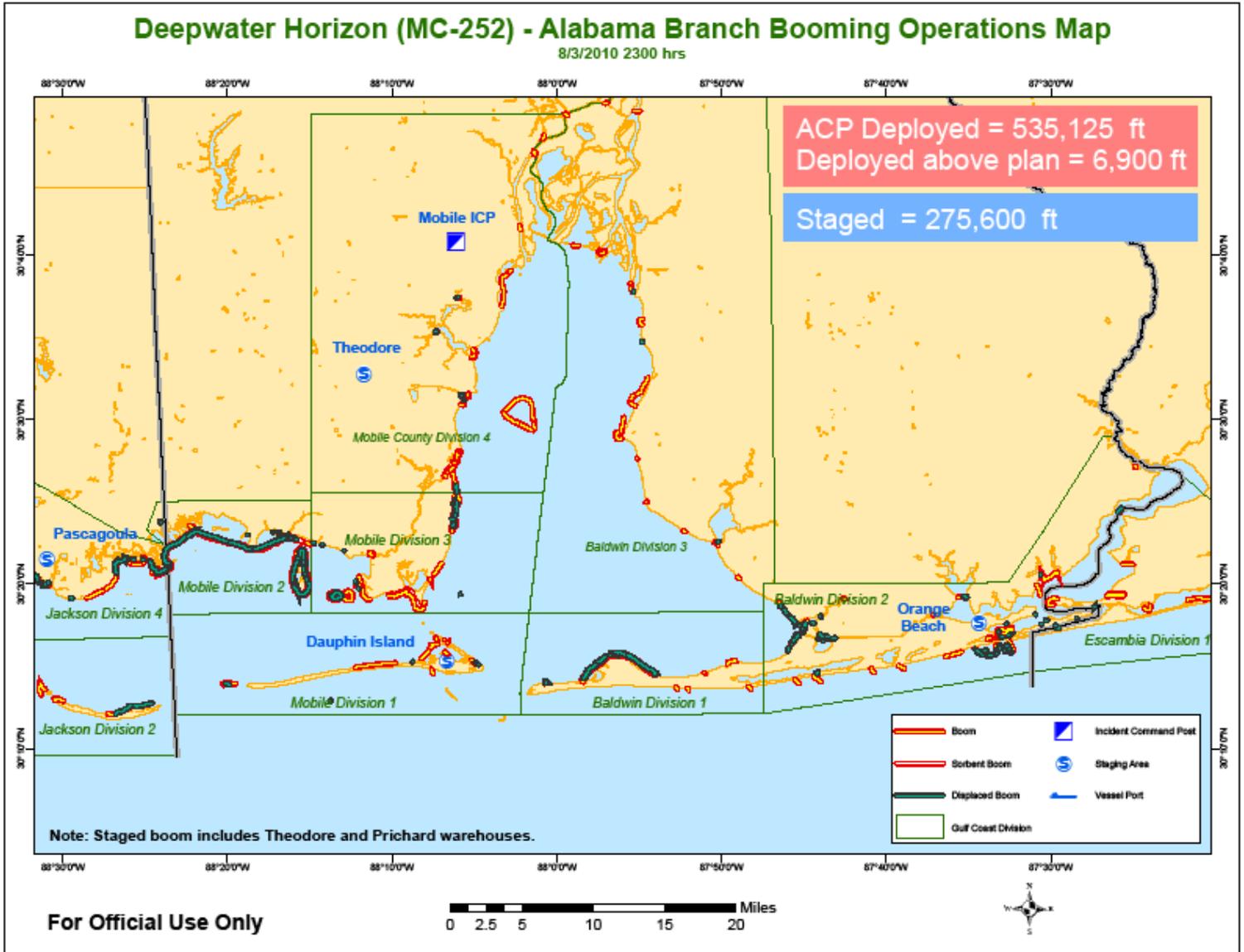
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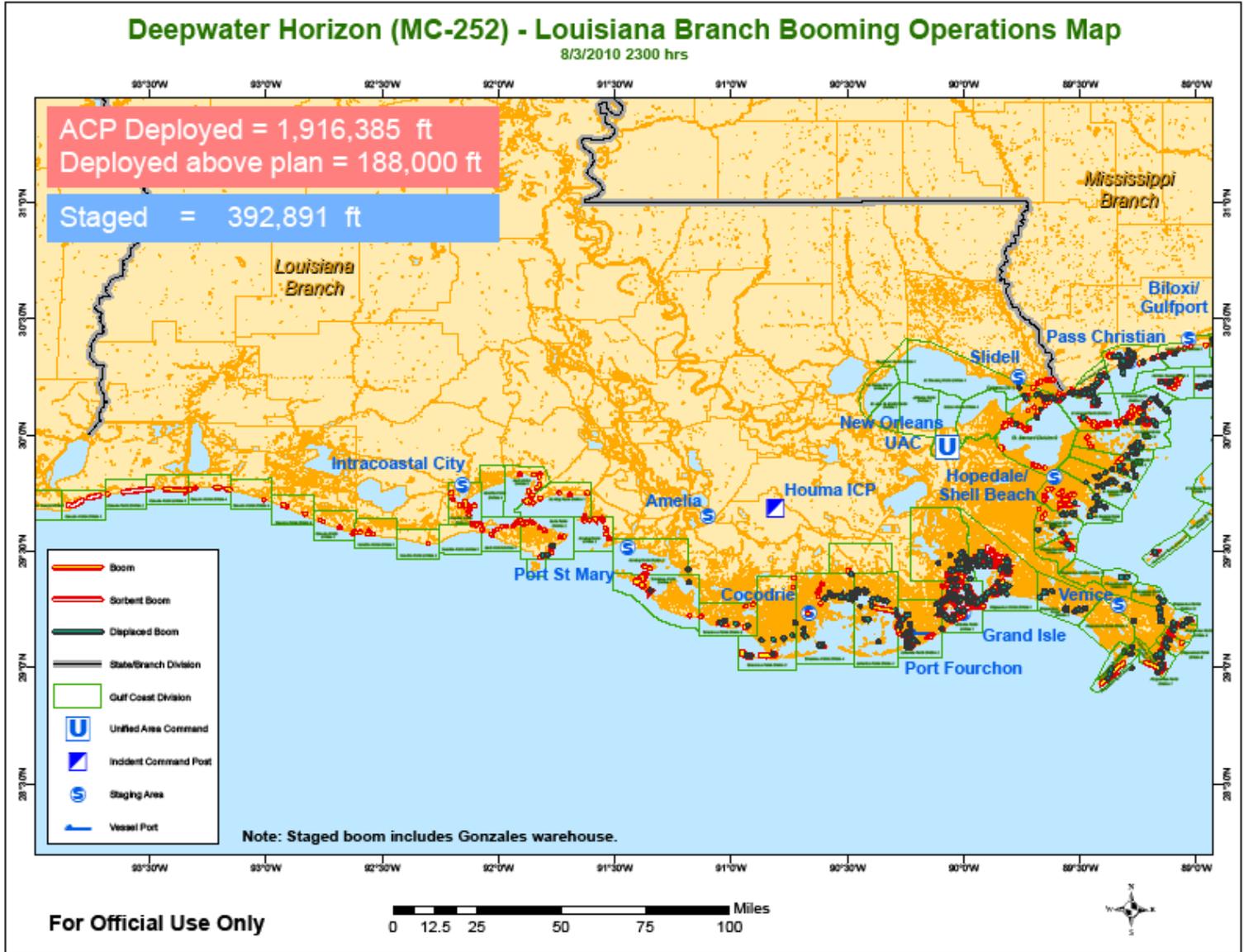
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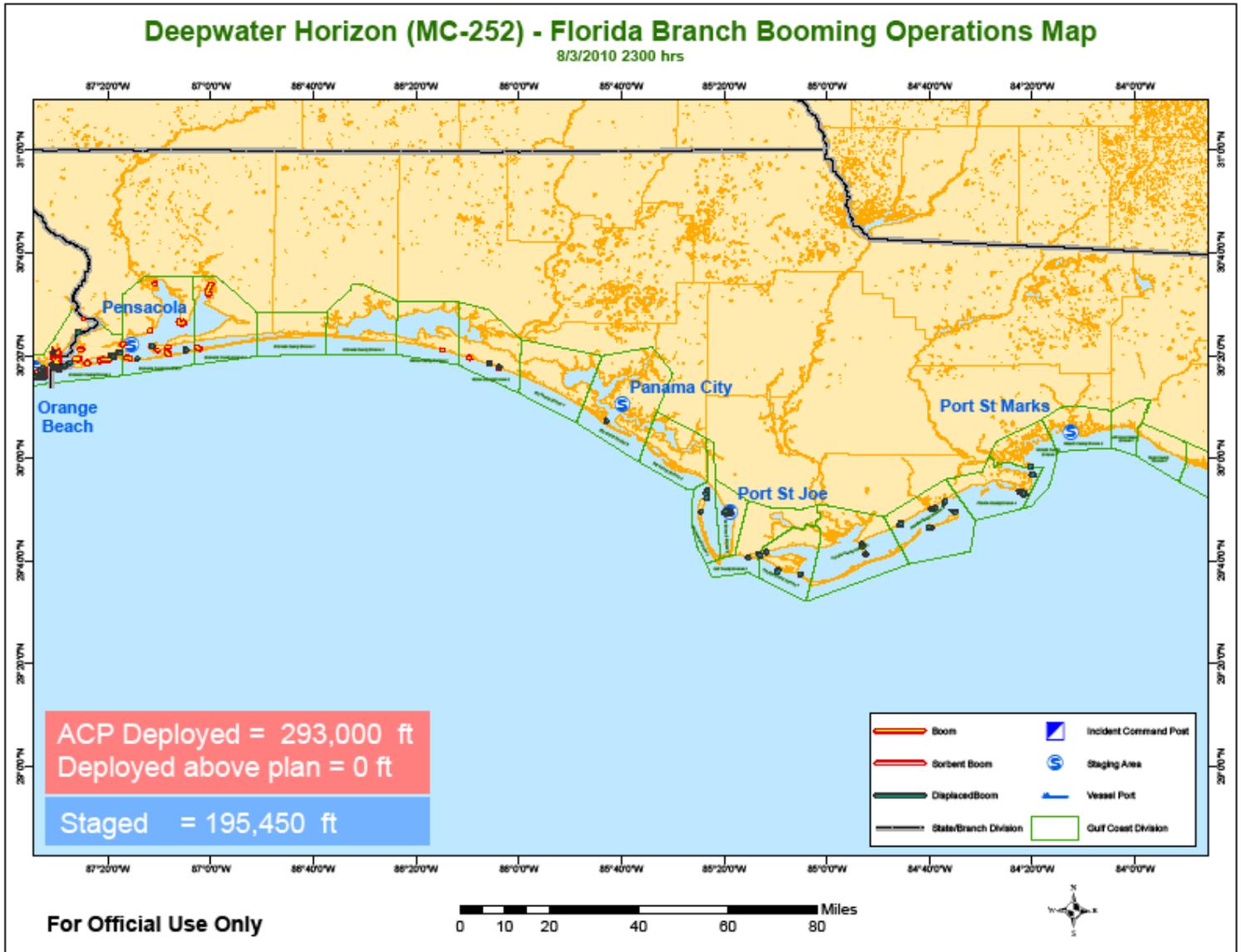
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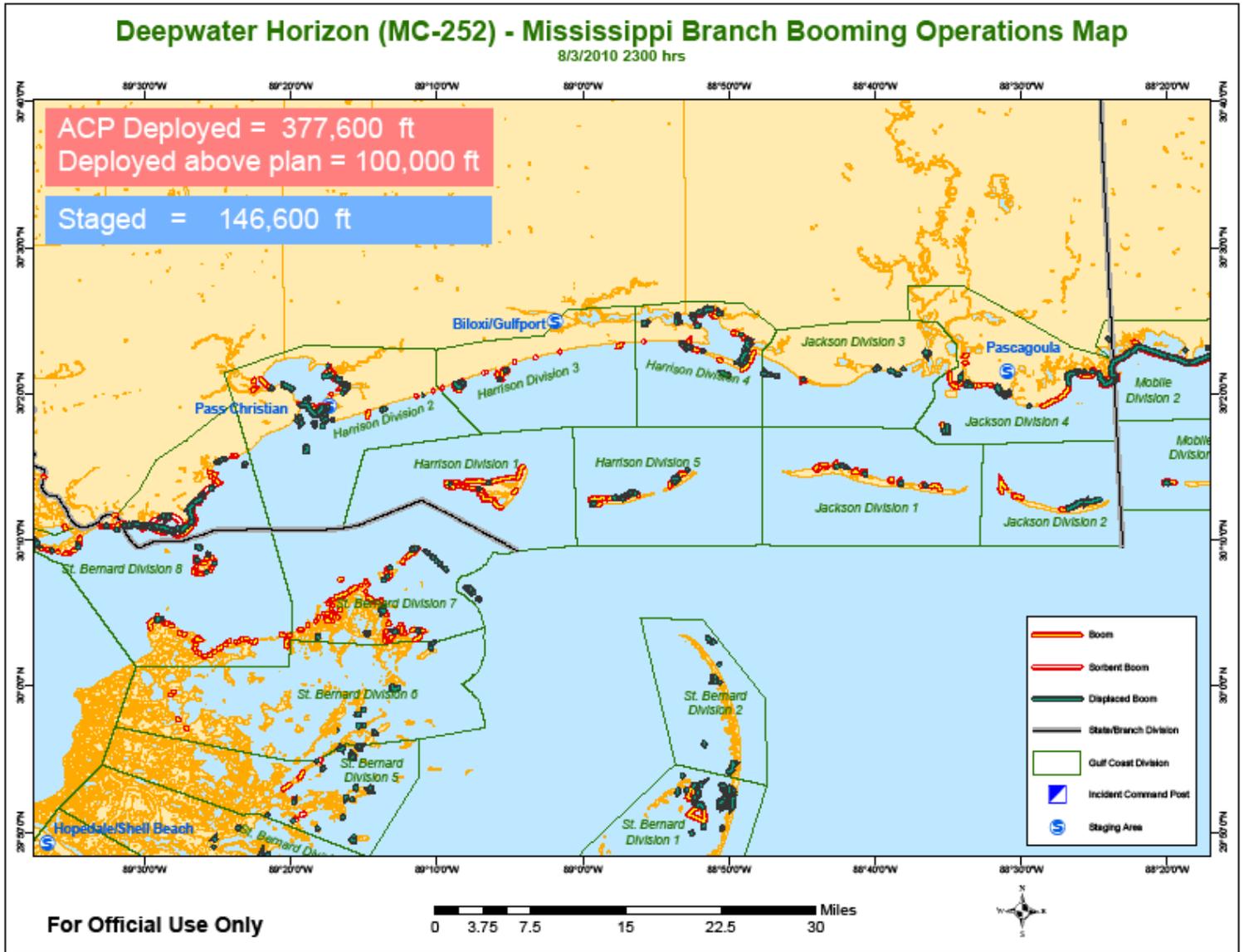
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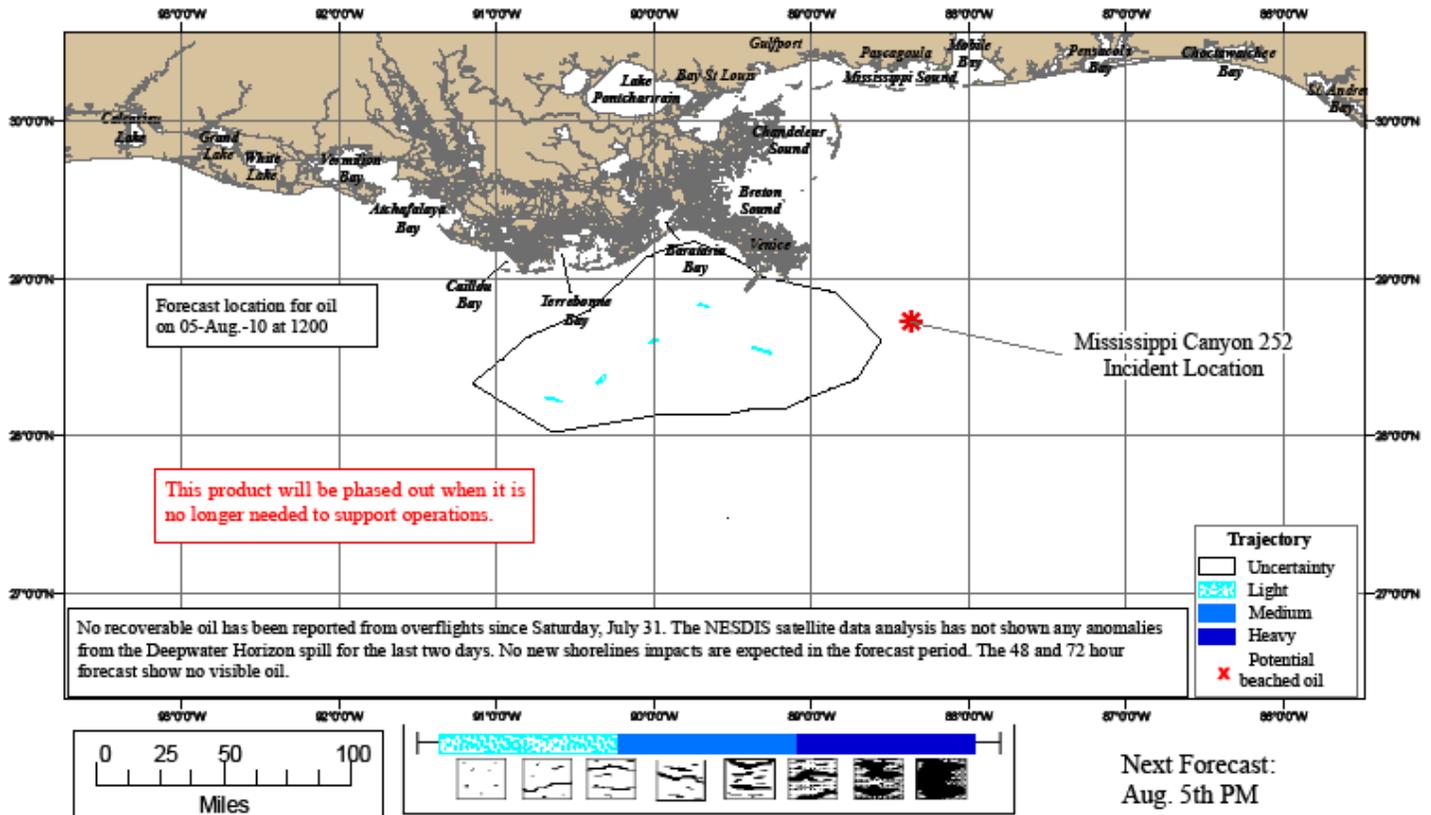
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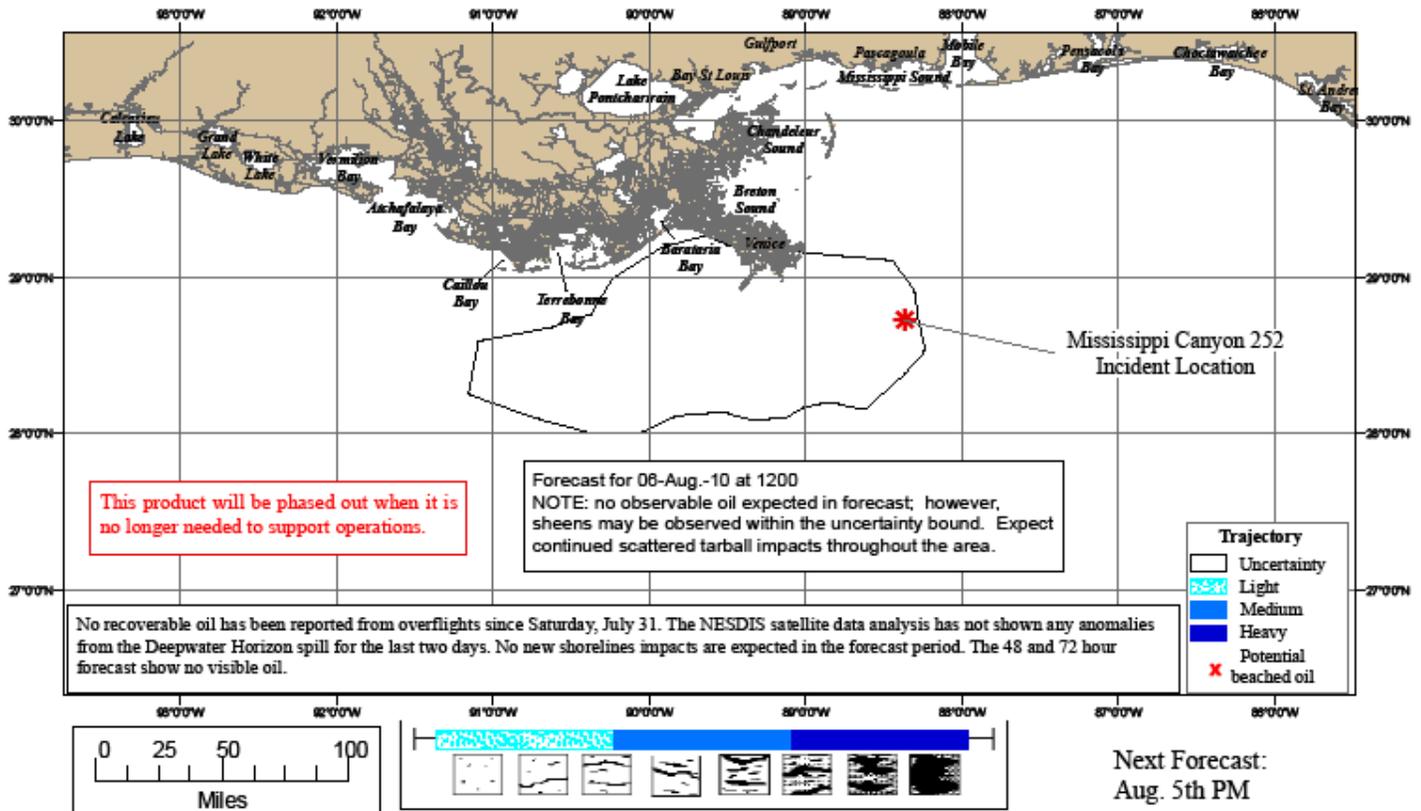
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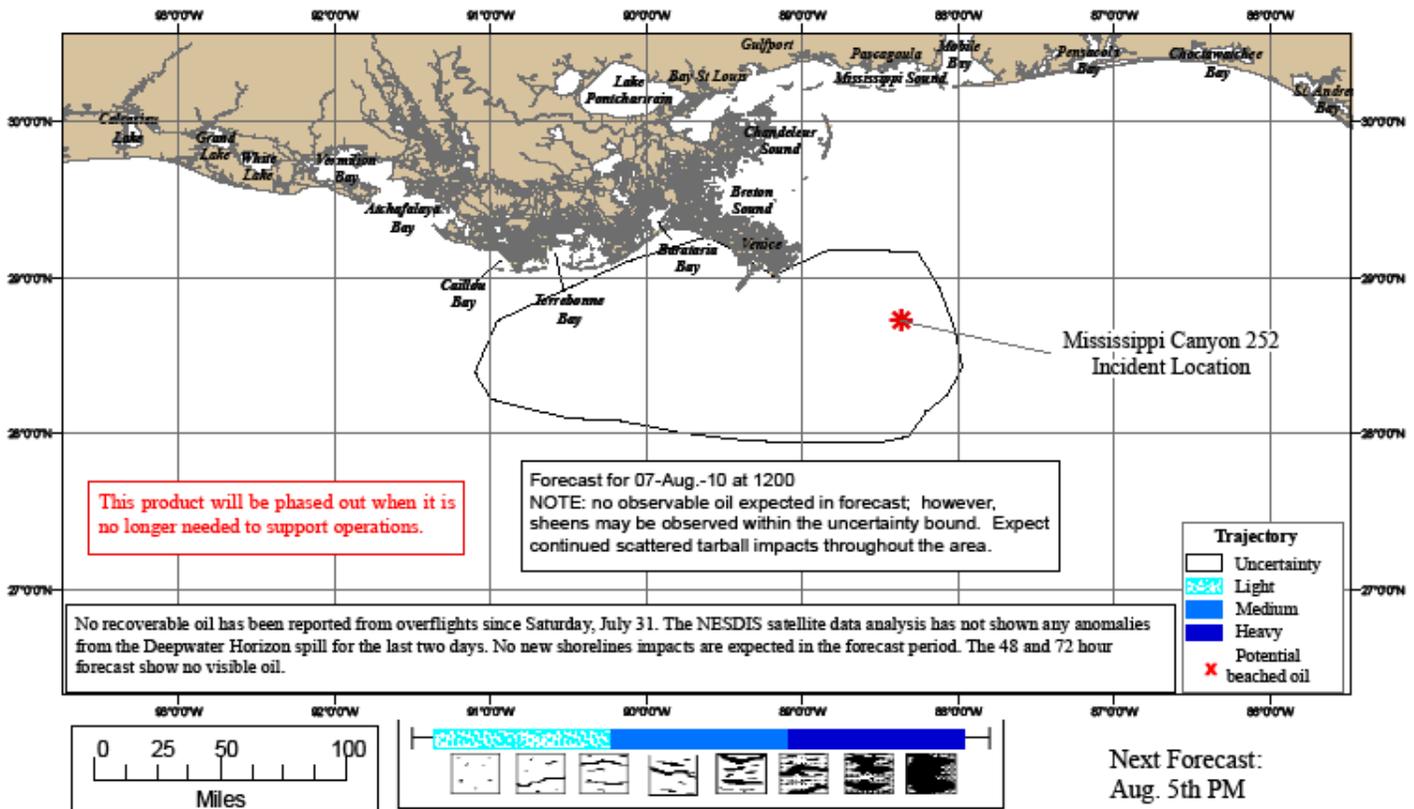
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All,
Attached is the PowerPoint Presentation, Background Memo and Governance and Funding Proposal for the Principals' Meeting tomorrow at the Pentagon.

Best,
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Good Morning Admiral Allen,

Attached is the 0430EDT 06 August 2010 situation update.

Operational highlights below:

* Friday 06 August day 40	SW -85	1	Smooth
* Friday 06 August night 30	SW 5-8	1	Smooth
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* Saturday 07 August night 20	SW 5-8	1	Smooth
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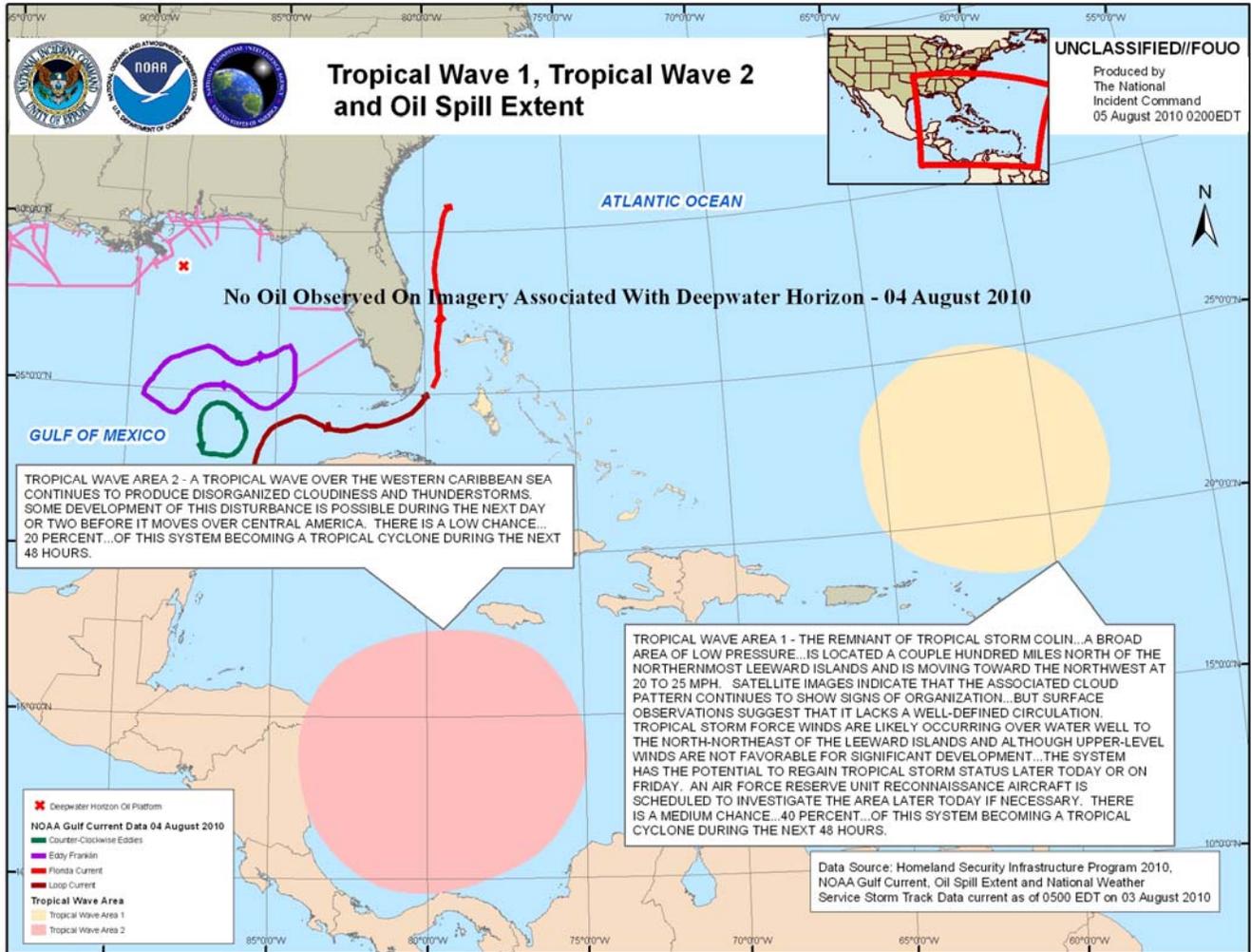




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National Incident Commander Objectives:

1. Establish and manage a coordinated interagency response effort to effectively employ all resources required to mitigate current and long term environmental and economic impacts of the incident.
2. Engage and inform the public, stakeholders and the media, keeping them apprised of response activities and plans.
3. Engage across all levels of government to develop courses of action for issues that span multiple agencies and departments.

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1. Ensure the safety and welfare of citizens and response personnel.
2. Control the source of the spill.
3. Continue to contain, recover, and dispose of spilled material.
4. Continue to maximize use and availability of advanced source control and response technologies.
5. Continue to maximize the protection, assessment, and response to environmentally, sensitive areas and wildlife risk.
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7. Minimize social, political, economic, and environmental impacts.
8. Continue to optimize critical resource utilization and effectiveness from all agencies and organizations across all response areas.
9. Ensure sustainability by conducting strategic planning to address long-range planning concerns; including worst case scenarios, contingencies, resources, logistics, and potential gaps.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST OPERATIONAL PERIOD: (UAC Sit Exec Sum 05 August)

- Well Integrity: monitored with sonar sweeps; no seismic runs
- Relief Wells: DDIII trip in hole with BHA and began testing BOP
- Static Kill: secured decision for cement job; made preparations for pumping cement

WEATHER: (NOAA Spot Forecast 1100EDT 05 August)

Date	Wind (kts)	Sea State	Seas (ft)	Rain (%)
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SOURCE CONTROL: (Houston Update 1725EDT 05 August)

	0000-2359CDT 04 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
Vessel	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	562,104 bbls *includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 22,158 bbls)	1,272.4 million cubic ft of gas * includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 88.4 gas)
Q4000	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	241,187 bbls	534.1 million cubic ft of gas
HELIX PRODUCER I	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	23,742 bbls	~56.5 million cubic ft of gas (estimated due to incorrectly calibrated meter)
Cumulative oil/gas recovered	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	827,033 bbls	~1,863 million cubic ft of gas

- **DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE (DE):** Remains shut in and standing by to produce. Top Hat #8 lowered to depth. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **HELIX PRODUCER I:** From 0000-1200CDT 03 August, 0 bbls of oil were collected and transferred to the Loch Rannoch and 0 SCF of gas were flared. The HPI had produced and transferred to the LOCH RANNOCH a total of 23,743 bbls of oil and flared 56.5 million SCF of gas since commencement of operations in MC252. As per the Well Integrity Test, the HP I was shut-in at 1120CDT 15 July. Standing-by. T-time is 12 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
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- **SEISMIC/ACOUSTIC TESTING:** No seismic activities are planned for 06 August. Two runs are planned for planned for 07 August. Acoustic activities are ongoing. (Houston Update 2000EDT 05 August)
- **WELL INTEGRITY TEST PLAN:** The well pressure held steady throughout the night with a slight pressure increase and no anomalies. Wellhead pressure is currently 3658 psi. The Wellhead temperature has remained consistent at 40 degrees F. (Houston Update 0640EDT 04 August)
- **MONITORING:** Temperature at the casing was 39.9 degrees F. Geophones and "big ears" sensors continue monitoring that is being recorded and collected by the BOA SUB C. Geophones will be retrieved every 48 hours to limit interference with ROV operations. Continue to monitor bubbles at base of well. T-time is 1 hours. (Houston Update 1725EDT 05 August)
- **HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN:** The Q4000 successfully completed the cement pumping operations at 1410CDT 05 August. For the next 24 hours pressure will be applied and a final pressure test will be conducted on 06 August, no further well operations planned until then. Due to successful cement application, reporting of capping stack pressure no longer relevant. The kill line of the Three Ram Capping Stack valves remain manually locked close. (Houston Update 2000EDT 05 August)
- **SUB-SEA DISPERSANT:** Dispersant injections at the BOP were secured at 1417CDT 15 July. No other dispersants used at this time. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC):** No reported VOCs. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)

- **SHORT TERM CONTAINMENT:** DE has Top Hat #8 standing by. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 1:** Standing by. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 2:** The FSR 2 inner riser has been completed. Upper riser work scheduled. 1060' jumper installed. 2900' jumper is ready but requires 3 vessels to install and to be coordinated around the work over the well. (Houston Update 2000EDT 04 August)
- **SUBSEA TIE-IN:** Planning and design work are ongoing for both the Rigel and Na Kika tie-in options. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)

RELIEF WELL DATA: (Houston Update 1540EDT 05 August)

	Total Drill Depth (MD=measured or total drilled depth in feet)	Day # of Est. Completion Days	True Vertical Depth (from the sea floor)	Comments
DD-II	15,961'	64 of 104 (63%)	15,200'	T-Time 108 hrs
DD-III	17,864'	87 of 104 (84%)	17,108'	T-Time 94 hrs

- **DD-II:** 2nd Relief Well- DDII is 10,961' below sea floor conducting maintenance and will hold operations and await results of the DDIII relief well. T-time is 108 Hours. (Houston Update 1540EDT 05 August)
- **DD-III:** 1st Relief Well- **DDIII is 12,108' below sea floor. Standing by to commence drilling. T-time is 94 hours.** (Houston Update 2000EDT 05 August)

(Houston Update 1540EDT 05 August)

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
Q4000	United States	On-scene; Operationally ready to conduct Static Kill	Support vessels connected over the evening (BLUE DOLPHIN & HOS CENTERLINE)	Current T-Time 82 hours. Standing by. Shut down as of 1050CDT, 15 July Operational T-Time 69 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'; conducting final pressure tests.
GECO TOPAZ	United States	On-scene	Seismic Runs	Seismic Runs Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA PISCES	United States	Departed area	Seismic Runs	Seismic Runs with acoustics Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA HENRY B. BIGELOW	United States	On-scene	Site Monitoring	Seismic Runs with acoustics Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA GORDON GUNTER	United States	On-scene	Marine Mammal Research	Conducting marine mammal research Operations may continue in sea states < 10'

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DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	Marshall Islands	On-scene	Containment	T-time is 49 hours. On site, lowered Top Hat #8 to depth.
				Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
HELIX PRODUCER I	Bahamas	On-scene	Oil Production Will process 20-25,000 bbls of oil/day at the CDP-1 free standing riser. Standing by to receive containment if required	T-time is 12 hours
				Operational T-Time 30 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
LOCH RANNOCH	United Kingdom	On-scene	Shuttle Tanker Hooked up to HP I & planning to receive 115 bbls of oil from HP1 tomorrow 2 Aug	Capacity is 1,000,000 bbls (40 days on station at full HPI production). Total volume on board is 24,628 bbls. T-time 0 hour
DISCOVERER CLEAR LEADER	Marshall Islands	Standing by Ship Shoal Block 363	Containment	On DP stand by at SS363. 3800' flexible on deck. Capacity is 125,000 bbls. T-Time 0 hours
DISCOVERER INSPIRATION	Marshall Islands	Mississippi Canyon Block 467	Demobilizing	Previously landed capping stack, preparing for demobilization
SKANDI NEPTUNE	Norway	On location	ROV operations; ready for dispersant application if necessary	
MASSACHUSETTS	United States	Moored New Orleans, LA	Shuttle Tank Barge Transfers oil from the DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	
EVI KNUTSEN	Norway	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in area of Loop Anchorage	The tanker will store oil processed by the TOISA PISCES which has no storage capacity
				Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
NAVION FENNIA	Bahamas	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker	DP trials with TOISA PISCES completed, no discrepancies noted
				Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
SEILLEAN	Panama	Arrived at Galveston, TX 23 July	Containment USCG inspection team will complete Port State Control Exam prior to depart for MC252	Capacity is 310,000 bbls. Standing by at anchorage offshore Houston- Galveston ship channel. T-time is 0 hours
OVERSEAS CASCADE	United States	Standing by in field	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in the field	On standby in the field. T-time is 0 hours
TOISA PISCES	Liberia	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by for production/ containment	The vessel is expected to hook up to the CDP-2 free standing riser to continuously process oil. All tests 100% complete all test, ready to commence operations at MC252. T- Time 0 hours
SEACOR RIGOROUS	United States	At staging area	Support	Deployed 12" lightering transfer hose that will be used between HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
LA CHEVAL	United States	At staging area	Support	Hose and assist HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
NORMAND FORTRESS	Norway	On location	Construction support Standing by for lightering if needed	Install the pipeline crossing for the 2 subsea pipeline alternatives
WEST SIRIUS	Panama	Standing by at MC 427	Construction support	Install freestanding Riser 2
HOS ACHIEVER	Vanuatu	On-scene	Dispersant Injection	
BOA DEEP C	Spain	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
BOA SUB C	Malta	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
HOS CENTERLINE	United States	On-scene	DDII Support	
BJ BLUE DOLPHIN	United States	On-scene	DDIII Support	

CRITICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: (Critical Resources Unit 04 August)

- The list of International offers of Assistance will be posted to HSIN on Monday evenings at 1900EDT
- **International Offers of Assistance: Government to Government**
 - As of 04 August, the NIC has received 67 offers from 33 countries and International Organizations
 - 40 offers were for critical resources, 39 have been accepted
 - In total, 46 govt and Intl Org offers have been accepted to date
- **International Offers of Assistance: Private, Government and IMO Facilitated**
 - As of 04 August, the NIC has received 58 offers of assistance from private companies
 - 25 offers were submitted directly by private entities
 - 33 offers were facilitated by foreign governments or the IMO
 - 34 offers were for critical resources, 6 offers have been accepted
- **Domestic Offers of Resources**
 - As of 04 August, the NIC has received 78 domestic offers
 - 20 originated through the Homeport website
 - 9 offers have been accepted
 - 27 offers were for critical resources; none have been accepted
- **Skimmers (DWH AAG 05 August)**

Foreign Skimmers	Domestic Skimmers	Navy Skimmers	Skimmers Freed up by Emergency Rule
49	835	54	27

- As of 04 August, 835 Skimmers now in theatre. Skimmer numbers published on "Deepwater Horizon At A Glance" daily slide.
- State by State listing of all Inshore and Near Shore skimmers now listed in NIC Deepwater Horizon Response "At a Glance" spreadsheet.
- UAC confirms 309 skimmers delivered on 19 July. (UAC 1600EDT 29 July)
- Number of foreign skimmers in theatre recently verified by UAC CRU (1600EDT 29

July).

- **Domestic Sources:**

Homeport website to collect skimmer availability went live on 01 July at 0900.

- **DOD: RFA 78B**

In theater: 23 offshore skimmers, 27 shallow water skimmers, 4 Harbor Busters, and 35 tow boats.

CLEAN- UP/RESPONSE OPERATIONS SHORESIDE: (DWH AAG 0700EDT 05 August)

	LA	MS	AL	FL	TX	TOTAL
Current Miles of Shoreline Impact	371.3	111.5	74.9	91.3	0	649
People Assigned	1,108	787	1,793	1,912	0	5,600

TEXAS:

SHORELINE: No SCAT currently scheduled.

INSHORE: Total recovered 118 cubic yards of oily solids.

NEARSHORE: NSTR

OFFSHORE: NSTR

LOUISIANA:

OFFSHORE: Currently only sheening found.

SHORELINE: Currently Oiled: Heavy to Moderate: 135.9 miles; Light to Trace: 235.4 miles; Total: 371.3 miles.

INSHORE: Currently only light oiling found. Fishing vessel skimming Task Forces and Shallow Water Barge Skimming Systems were operational.

TOTAL BARRELS COLLECTED ONSHORE/NEARSHORE: 1 bbl (0 bbls collected offshore)

MISSISSIPPI:

SHORELINE: Crews responded to light impact of tarballs in Hancock County. Crews continued cleanup on Belle Fontaine Beach, Petit Bois, Cat, Horn and Ship Islands. Crews conducted night operations on Hancock Beach.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 7.9 miles; Light to trace: total 103.6 miles; Total: 111.5 miles.

NEARSHORE: Operations of all task forces impacted by weather. VOOs conducted boom monitoring, surveillance and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. All decon sites continued building up capacity to handle the expected influx of recovered equipment/boom.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

ALABAMA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in Alabama. Limited beach cleaning operations today due to weather conditions. Beach cleaning machines conducted night operations on Dauphin Island and in Baldwin County.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 5 miles; Light to trace: total 69.8 miles; Total: 74.9 miles.

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FLORIDA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in the state of FL.; re-oiling reported in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Cleanup crews continued manual cleanup in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties. Crews conducted mechanical beach cleaning in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. New mechanical recovery equip testing completed on Eglin A/F Base. Crews conducted mechanical/manual cleaning at night in Escambia and Santa Rosa Cos.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 3 miles; Light to trace: total 88.3 miles; Total: 91.3 miles.

NEARSHORE: Operations of all task forces impacted by WX. VOOs conducted boom monitoring, surveillance and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. Optimization of offshore VOO fleet size continues. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

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SAFETY/PERSONNEL CASUALTIES:

ICP Mobile reported that a Global contractor was found deceased in his hotel room at 1600 EDT on 05 August in Pensacola, FL. The deceased contractor was discovered by his roommate. An investigation is pending. (NIC Bulletin 2142EDT 06 August)

OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:

(NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 05 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining	\$20,629,119.13
Fed Project Ceiling	\$441,767,579.00
Obligated funds to Date	\$422,434,817.29
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining	\$19,332,761.71

BP CLAIMS SUMMARY: (BP Claims 05 August)

- Total Number of Claims: 142,746
- Total Amount Disbursed: \$302,564,204.00
- Number of Claims Denied: 0
- Number of Checks Disbursed: 99,574

BP CLAIMS CALL CENTER (Last 24 Hours): (BP Claims 05 August)

- Calls Received: 1,066

- Call operators: 149
- Checks written: 2,196
- Managers/adjusters in field: 1,260
- Community Offices and Claim Centers: 36

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (UAC Sit Exec Sum 05 August)

- Well Integrity: Continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
- Relief Wells:
 - DDIII- finish testing BOP, prepare to drill pending completion of cementing procedure for Static Kill
 - DDII- on stand by
- Static Kill Preparations:
 - Monitor status
 - Pump cement from Q4000 and evaluate results
- ENTERPRISE: on stand by
- **HELIX PRODUCER: on stand by**

NIC STRATEGIC EFFORTS:

- **FRTG Flow Rate Analysis**
On 31 July the Government released new daily estimates of oil flow based on the best available data. Total discharge is estimated at 4.93 million barrels with an uncertainty of +/- 10%. The cumulative range of oil released during the event estimated to be between 4,435,260 and 5,420,820 barrels. The revised estimates that the discharge rates ranged from 62,000 bbl/day at the start of the incident to 53,000 bbl/day when the well was capped on 15 July with an uncertainty factor of ±10%. The uncertainty factor in the best government estimate was used to create a Higher Flow Estimate and a Lower Flow Estimate report in the Oil Budget Tool. Based on reports of major explosions and burning oil from the first two days of the incident (20-21 April), the FRTG estimate begins on 22 April. In general, the discharge rate trended down over time due to decreasing pressure observed after the well was capped. Severing the riser on 04 June (Day 45), resulted in an estimate of discharge increase of approximately 4%. The Oil budget Calculator was updated on 31 July using the revised Government flow estimates.
- **International Engagement Strategy**
NIC Strategic Planning staff continues to coordinate with DOS in regards to potential oil spill impacts to Cuba, Bahamas, and other affected countries. A Mexican scientific delegation will visit the NIC in the morning of 04 August with follow-up scientific presentations at the DOS in the afternoon. There will be approximately 30 participants including 15 Mexican representatives and others from NOAA, EPA, USGS, BOEM, USCG, and DOS.
- **Hurricane/Severe Weather Contingency Plan**
DWH Severe Weather Contingency Plan (SWCP) revision 5 is available on HSIN. Members can access and distribute as needed. The current plan is digitally searchable.
- **NIC Strategy Implementation**
NIC Strategy Implementation version 3.0 has been signed and is available via HSIN in the Interagency Strategic Planning folder. A draft NIC Strategy Implementation version 4.0 is in progress and will be distributed to IASG for comment.



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- **Transition Planning**

NIC Interagency Strategic Planning is developing a NIC Transition Plan. Upon shut-in of the well (top and bottom kill), and with very little recoverable oil remaining, the need for a NIC will diminish rapidly. The requirement to effectively transition from the current NIC to a Regional Incident Commander (RIC) must be planned and executed with consideration of NIC functions, multiple factors, and competing interests. The NIC functional transition will be driven by conditions and as these conditions are met, they will drive the evolution and transition of the NIC to a RIC. The RIC will be an interim construct, similar to the NIC yet with reduced functions and authorities. The RIC will continue to provide federal oversight to the ongoing response and recovery efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.

- **NIC Lessons Learned**

NIC Strategic Planning is developing a NIC focused Lessons Learned/Best Practices plan for implementation. The intent of this plan is to capture lessons learned from all NIC team members, plans, policies, procedures, and response systems.



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NOC-PRODUCED SENIOR LEADERSHIP BRIEF

1100 EDT 05 August 2010

The Senior Leadership Brief is updated Monday through Friday only.

Secretary of Homeland Security Priorities

- Ensure Responsible Party (RP) continues efforts to permanently stop the oil leak.
- Ensure all capabilities (government, private, and commercial) and resources are being leveraged to protect the environment and facilitate a rapid, robust cleanup effort.
- Ensure every effort is being made to include and inform the local communities in support of response operations.

Current Situation

- **Oil Stoppage**
 - **Well Integrity Plan**
 - Well Integrity Test ongoing. (NIC)
 - Oil flow remains secured.
 - Continuing to monitor minor BOP leak and hydrate formation.
 - **Three-ram capping stack pressure is 3,506 pounds per square inch (-1,605 psi).**
 - **No seismic runs conducted 4 Aug.**
 - **No seismic runs planned for 5 Aug.**
 - **Acoustic activities are ongoing.**
 - **Hydrostatic Control Plan:**
 - **Vessel Q4000 started cement pumping operations at 0825 EDT 5 Aug.**
 - **Vessel Q4000 completed static kill operations with vessels BJ BLUE DOLPHIN and HOS CENTERLINE 4 Aug.**
 - **Relief Wells**
 - Drill Rig DDIII (first relief well) currently testing the BOP and performing maintenance; drill depth 12,108 ft (no change), below sea floor (17,357 ft below drill floor). (NIC)
 - Drill Rig DDII (second relief well) conducting maintenance and will hold operations and await results of the DDIII relief well; drill depth 10,961 ft (no change) below sea floor, (16,179 ft below drill floor). (NIC)
 - **Long Term Containment and Disposal Project (CDP)**
 - CDP-1: Standing by. (NIC)
 - CDP-2: Standing by. (NIC)
 - **Subsea Tie-In**
 - Planning and design ongoing. (NIC)



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- **Lower Marine Riser Package (LMRP) TOP HAT**
 - Vessel ENTERPRISE standing by with TOP HAT 8. (NIC)

- **Oil/Gas Recovery**
 - No gas or oil recovered/flared 4 Aug.
 - Total oil/gas recovered/flared to date: 827,033 barrels (no change) of oil and 1,863 million cubic ft (no change) of gas. (NIC)

- **Oil Flow**
 - Flow Rate Technical Group (FRTG) estimates oil discharged to date is 3,000,000 – 5,200,000 barrels (no change). (NIC)

- **Oil Landfall**
 - No skimable oil observed offshore, however shoreline cleanup, boom maintenance and deployment continue in areas along the Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and northern Florida coastlines.
 - **Current amount of shoreline impacted: 649.1 miles (+5.6 miles) (NIC)**
 - AL: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported. Limited beach cleaning operations 5 Aug due to weather conditions.
 - FL: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported; cleanup continues in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties.
 - LA: (NIC)
 - Currently only sheening found.
 - MS: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported in state of Mississippi; crews continue to cleanup Belle Fontaine Beach, Petit Bois, Cat, and Ship Islands.
 - TX: (NIC)
 - No Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Team operations scheduled.

- **Operations**
 - No In Situ Burns (ISB) conducted 4 Aug. (NIC)
 - Booming/skimming operations continue, weather permitting. (NIC)
 - **Oily water mixture recovered to date: 826,560 barrels (+94 barrels).**

- **Health Concerns**
 - Heat stress remains the primary health concern for response workers. (OHA)

- **Dispersants**
 - No aerial dispersant flights flown 4 Aug. (NIC)
 - Subsea dispersant injection has stopped. (NIC)



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- **Shipping Channels/Ports**
 - All shipping channels/ports remain open in the Gulf Coast Region. (USCG)
 - To date, a total of 6 vessels have required decontamination. (NIC)

- **Assets on Scene:**
 - **Personnel: 31,811 (+624) (NIC)**
 - **Boom to date: 11,885,276 ft (+98030 ft); 3,594,940 ft (+8,150 ft) containment and 8,290,336 ft (+89,880 ft) sorbent. (UAC)**
 - Dispersant to date: 1,843,786 gals (no change), (1,072,514 surface/771,272 subsea) (NIC)
 - **Total vessels assigned: 4,956 (-83) (NIC)**
 - **Fixed-wing aircraft: 30 (+1) (NIC)**
 - **Helicopters: 60 (+4) (NIC)**

Federal Agencies/Departments

- **US Coast Guard (USCG)**
 - Continuing incident coordination and response activities.

- **Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**
 - Providing flight advisory information to aircraft participating in disaster response and video to track oil plume movement; **mission-hours to date: 1,395.6 (+11.1 hours).**

- **Interagency Remote Sensing Coordination Cell (IRSCC)**
 - Active at the Unified Area Command; managing remote sensing platforms.

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
 - Supporting NIC activities and Federal On-Scene Coordinator.

- **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
 - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service providing wildlife recovery services.

- **Department of Defense (DoD)**
 - 1,708 National Guard members activated in LA, MS, AL, and FL.

- **Department of Energy (DOE)**
 - Assisting Unified Area Command and supporting interagency solutions group.

- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
 - Continuing to sample air, water, sediment, and waste.



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- **Health and Human Services (HHS).**
 - **LA Department of Health and Hospitals plans to submit reopening samples for oyster harvesting areas 2, 3, and 5 to National Seafood Inspection Laboratory 5 Aug.**
 - **Total personnel deployed: 40 (-3)**
- **Department of the Interior (DOI)**
 - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) continues to assist with well integrity tests.
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**
 - Weather forecast:
 - **Thurs, 5 Aug: South-southwest winds 5-10 knots; seas 1 ft.**
 - **Fri, 6 Aug: Southwest winds 5-8 knots; 1 ft.**
 - **Sat, 7 Aug: Southwest winds 5-8 knots; seas 1 ft.**
- **Department of State (DOS)**
 - Assisting in coordinating the response to offers for international assistance.
- **Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - Assisting with air traffic control operations, including temporary flight restrictions.

Critical Infrastructure Key Resources (CIKR)

- **National Infrastructure Coordinating Center (NICC)**
 - Continuing to monitor CIKR.

State and Local Agencies

- AL, FL, LA, MS and TX are communicating with DHS daily.

National Operations Center

- Current Posture: Phase 2 - Concern; Crisis Action Team activated.
- **The next SLB will be published at 1100 EDT 6 Aug.**



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Media

NOLA JIC

- 4 CBS crew on CGC Decisive – LT McLay conducted Live Interview

MOBILE JIC

- CNN – Phone interview with USCG – Scott Carr & Waste Management Mike McNulty: Pecan Grove landfill

HOUMA JIC

- AP reporter Mary Foster, on board flight w/aerial spotters LCDR Gary Ball & ME1 Shaw

FLORIDA PENINSULAR JIC

- Town Hall meeting hosted by SECNAV. Top issues were economic recovery, alternative and renewable energy, dispersant use, long-term commitment to GOM restoration, distrust in government, frustration with “red tape” and bureaucracy, and a need for even greater transparency. Tenor of meeting was calm and professional. Support for Coast Guard enthusiastically expressed at 2.5 hour meeting with nearly 270 attendees.

Social Media

- Social media channels discussed the apparent successful progress of the “static kill” operation designed to be the next step in permanently sealing the well.
- Across the social media spectrum the oil spill estimate and the ultimate fate of the oil released into the Gulf was a trending topic. This included discussion of the “oil spill budget”. Skeptics do not believe the oil has really dissipated or been accounted for in official estimates.
- Ongoing concern was expressed regarding the safety of seafood from the Gulf region. What are the long-term plans to ensure seafood is safe to consume and free of oil or contaminants?
- Continuing apprehension over the impact of the oil spill on birds, marine life and sensitive ecosystems.



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<p>Administration Wide Response</p> <p>RESPONSE VESSELS: Vessels of Opportunity: 1,535 Barges: more than 510 Skimmers: more than 830 Other Vessels: more than 2,100 Total active response vessels: more than 4,900</p> <p>Aircraft: 85</p> <p>BOOM DATA Boom deployed: more than 3.1 million feet Boom staged: more than 1.0 million feet Total boom: more than 4.1 million feet</p> <p>OIL RECOVERED Oily water recovered: over 34.7 million gallons Amount estimated burned: 11.1 million gallons Oil recovered at the source over last 24hrs: 0 gallons</p> <p>Overall personnel More than 31,100 personnel responding</p>	<p>Government Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NGO team collaborate on planning and communication efforts with VALs• Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Mabus Town Hall in Plaquemines Parish LA to discuss Gulf's long term economic recovery with elected officials and general public• SECNAV Town Hall in Terrebonne Parish, LA (NGO participated)• Request from the Humane Society of Louisiana for a USCG speaker at their "The Gulf Coast Strategic Planning Conference: Helping Animals in Need" conference being held August 7-8.
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Key Message/Messages

"I will say once again to the people in the Gulf, that we are committed to finishing this cleanup, holding BP accountable. And we will continue to do that ... our focus will become more locally focused, looking at the shoreline, and making sure the oil marshes, the beaches, and so forth are properly attended to. To that end we will remain and get the job."

Adm. Thad Allen

Key Efforts

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Friday, August 6

1030 EPA/NAACP will tour a waste disposal and decontamination facility in Grand Isle, LA
1130 SECNAV Town Hall in Galveston, TX.
1400 Director Thresher, TRICARE Regional Director to visit to UAC (Venice Branch)
TBD Canadian Coast Guard Visit (Venice)

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Saturday, August 7

745 TRICARE Director Thresher to visit Vince, LA
1000 SECNAV Town Hall in Bay St. Louis, MS
1300 Director Thresher, TRICARE to visit to ICP Houma

1400 SECNAV Town Hall in Ocean Springs, MS
TBD NAACP Visit (Grand Isle & Port Fourchon)

Monday, August 9

0600 International Observers Program to visit UAC
1400 Rep. Bonner visit to ICP Mobile for an updated DWH brief with USCG, ADEM and BP

Tuesday, August 10

0600 International Observers Program to visit ICP Houma
TBD Branch Jacksonville to conduct a Fernandina residence outreach meeting on DWH topics.
TBD Branch Jacksonville is coordinating DWH community outreach Q&A meetings with Fernandina Beach and Brevard



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- Counties.
- TBD Branch St. Petersburg LNO will coordinate a phone conference this week with Sarasota County and their local Sierra Club to address wildlife concerns.
- TBD Canadian Coast Guard in New Orleans to be a part of the IOP
- TBD BOEM – Director Bromwich Panel in Mobile, AL.
- TBD RDML Cari Thomas, Tracen Cape May to visit UAC

Wednesday, August 11

- 0600 International Observers Program to visit Grand Isle
- TBD BOEM – Dir. Bromwich Panel in Pensacola, FL
- TBD ADM Allen to visit ICP Mobile for walkthrough and all-hands meeting

Thursday, August 12

- 0830 Senator Sessions requests a transition plan briefing at ICP Mobile. Staff to attend.
- TBD USCG, NIC briefing on the Incident Command Transition Strategy and its impact for Alabama with Senator Sessions (AL) & Staff
- TBD ADM Allen to tour Barataria Bay
- TBD VADM John Currier, CG Chief of Staff visit to UAC

Friday, August 13

- 1030 Parish President’s Briefing in Houma

Monday, August 16

- TBD VADM Robert Parker, Lantarea to visit UAC

Tuesday, August 17

- TBD USCG COMDT visit to Pensacola USCG cutters
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Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus Town Hall Schedule:

Friday, 6 August, 2010:

1130-1330 Galveston TX

Issues/Activities and Status

- Nothing new to report

Trends

- Nothing new to report.

What Others Are Saying

Social Media

Communication Statistics:

Facebook Followers: 39,413 (-12)

Twitter: Followers: 8,516 (-4): Lists: 726 (+3)

YouTube: Views: 2,564,978 (+2015): Videos: 127 (0): Subscribers: 1842 (+13)

Flickr Photos: 1019 (+16): Views: 247,386 (+806)

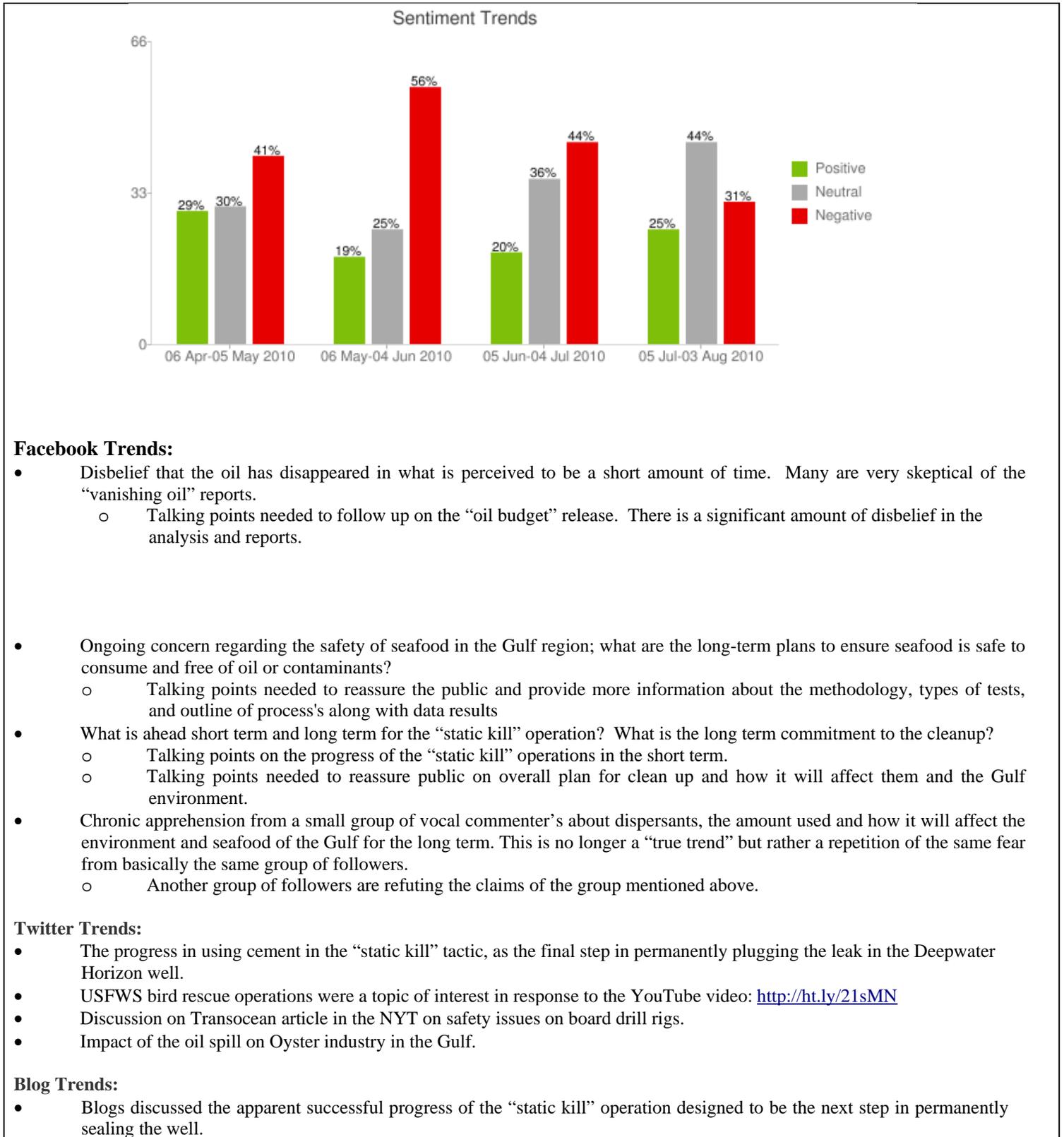
Total Website Hits: 138,992,588 Daily Website Hits: (775,604)

Total number of opt-ins for SMS new alerts: 6373 (+16)

Sentiment Trends:



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Facebook Trends:

- Disbelief that the oil has disappeared in what is perceived to be a short amount of time. Many are very skeptical of the “vanishing oil” reports.
 - Talking points needed to follow up on the “oil budget” release. There is a significant amount of disbelief in the analysis and reports.
- Ongoing concern regarding the safety of seafood in the Gulf region; what are the long-term plans to ensure seafood is safe to consume and free of oil or contaminants?
 - Talking points needed to reassure the public and provide more information about the methodology, types of tests, and outline of process's along with data results
- What is ahead short term and long term for the “static kill” operation? What is the long term commitment to the cleanup?
 - Talking points on the progress of the “static kill” operations in the short term.
 - Talking points needed to reassure public on overall plan for clean up and how it will affect them and the Gulf environment.
- Chronic apprehension from a small group of vocal commenter’s about dispersants, the amount used and how it will affect the environment and seafood of the Gulf for the long term. This is no longer a “true trend” but rather a repetition of the same fear from basically the same group of followers.
 - Another group of followers are refuting the claims of the group mentioned above.

Twitter Trends:

- The progress in using cement in the “static kill” tactic, as the final step in permanently plugging the leak in the Deepwater Horizon well.
- USFWS bird rescue operations were a topic of interest in response to the YouTube video: <http://ht.ly/21sMN>
- Discussion on Transocean article in the NYT on safety issues on board drill rigs.
- Impact of the oil spill on Oyster industry in the Gulf.

Blog Trends:

- Blogs discussed the apparent successful progress of the “static kill” operation designed to be the next step in permanently sealing the well.



- Some bloggers talked about the oil spill estimate and the ultimate fate of the oil released into the Gulf. This included the oil spill "budget". Some skeptics do not believe the oil has really dissipated.
- Ongoing concern for the impact of the oil spill on birds, marine life and sensitive ecosystems.
- Several blogs reported on the rumor that the deepwater drilling ban will be lifted in the near future.

UNIFIED AREA COMMAND MEDIA ANALYSIS

Media Review

BP Will Pour Concrete Cap, starting Thursday

The first stage of BP's well kill has succeeded. BP's static kill of its out-of-control Macondo well was successful; the pressure inside has equalized and achieved a "static condition." Unified Commander Adm. Thad Allen has given the super major the green light for the next phase of the kill, permission to pump concrete on top of the 2,300 barrels of drilling mud pumped in during the static kill. If conditions remain ideal, the "top kill" could begin on Thursday.

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/08/04/gulf.oil.spill/?hpt=T2>

Good News from the Gulf

The mood has changed. Things are getting better it seems. The static kill made the well more secure and an added sense of confidence to the work on it, a sense of being in charge and getting things done right. The well, or at least part of it, can now be sealed with cement pumped down from the surface, a procedure which the government authorized late on Wednesday 4th and which should get under way on Thursday 5th http://www.economist.com/blogs/newsbook/2010/08/deepwater_horizon_and_bp_0

Optimistic White House Reports Trigger Skepticism

The release of a report detailing oil damage as less extensive than originally thought has upset some Gulf Coast residents; who have interpret it as a sign the Obama Administration will abandon clean-up efforts. During a press conference yesterday, Obama said he would continue to hold polluters accountable and continue cleaning up. Scientists also disagree as to how much credibility the report deserves, claiming it was based on generous assumptions and extrapolation. <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/05/us/05oil.html>

Transocean says BP May Seek to Avoid Full Responsibility for Spill

Transocean leased the doomed Deepwater Horizon rig to BP. On Wednesday Transocean said that BP may seek to avoid full responsibility for the disaster. This follows a request from Transocean to be indemnified against other claims. Transocean says its contract specifically protects from penalties and liabilities levied against the operator. BP replied "has asserted that the facts are not sufficiently developed to determine who is responsible."

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-08-05/bp-may-seek-to-avoid-full-responsibility-over-rig-blast-transocean-says.html>

Leaked Lloyds Register Study Commissioned by Transocean Found Safety Issues on Rig a Month Prior to Spill

A month before the disaster, Transocean, the world's largest offshore drilling company, commissioned the risk management company Lloyd's Register to investigate its Houston headquarters and three other gulf rigs besides the Deepwater Horizon to assess its safety culture. The documents point to safety problems implicated in the rig collapse, including problems with Deepwater's ballast system.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/05/us/05transocean.html>

Texas Accuses BP of Operating its Refinery Poorly

Though the Deepwater Horizon spill is the biggest hurdle facing BP, there are other problems too. An investigation revealed a pattern



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of poor operation and maintenance practices, Texas environmental regulators reported after investigating a 46-day release of toxic and cancer-causing chemicals from the plant this spring. This was also the site of an explosion in 2005 that killed 15 workers.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5irEn4IaTBYhSZiJ9Ki-dCY5m5WAAD9HCURT81>

Florida Economy was in Deep Trouble Even before the Spill

Unemployment has soared from 3% in 2006 to 11.2% this year and housing prices have dropped off a cliff. The state government is also in deep trouble, with a \$4.7B shortfall and a ballooning public pension to payout. Expect bailouts and bankruptcy.

<http://www.cnn.com/id/38562306>

Florida Developer Sues Halliburton over Spill

St. Joe is the Florida panhandle's largest landowner, owning 577,000 acres, 70% of which is within 15mi of the Gulf of Mexico. St. Joe claims that the spill has decimated its property values and that its stock price has plunged since the spill (falling 40% at one point – losing \$1.4B in market capitalization). Halliburton would not comment beyond saying it followed accepted industry practices while drilling Deepwater Horizon.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g5H5OwqrswgJh60dBL0_KJb2yz_wD9HDC86G2

Oil Spill Drives Bassmaster Contest From Mobile To Georgia

Mobile (AL) Press-Register, August 4, 2010 A regional bass fishing championship planned for the Mobile-Tensaw Delta is relocating because the oil spill -- and subsequent media coverage of oiled birds and dead fish -- is scaring away anglers, according to organizers. Between 300 and 400 fishermen were projected to participate in the Toyota Tundra Bassmaster Weekend Series Regional Championship, creating an economic impact of about \$1.5 million over the course of the weekend, said Bud Ratliff, director of the Mobile Bay Sports Authority, which spent two years recruiting the tournament.

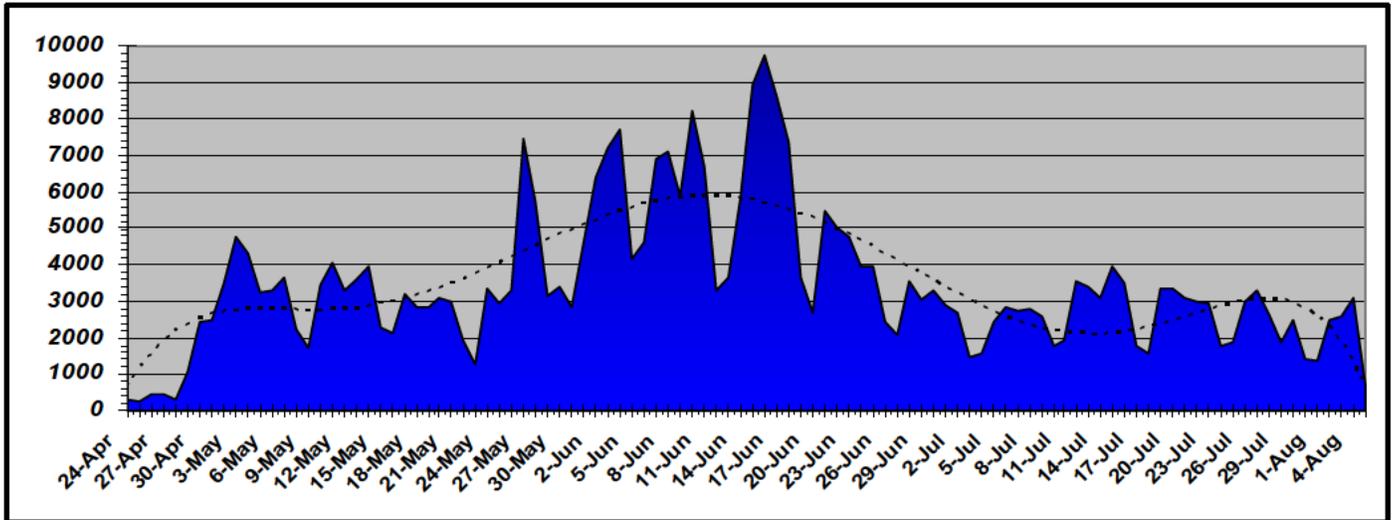
Oil Spill: Static Kill Begins; Baldwin County Hotel And Condo Bookings Plummet Mobile (AL) Press-Register, August 4, 2010 The procedure that could finally plug the broken Gulf of Mexico well began Tuesday afternoon, but it will take “a bunch of hours to a couple of days” to complete, according to BP PLC. During a news conference that began 30 minutes after the start of the procedure, BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells said he could not then say whether it was working. “There’s no way for me to give you any early indication. The only thing I would say is, the injectivity test went well, and so that gives us ... encouragement,” Wells said. Still, federal officials reiterated that the completion of a relief well, long heralded as the permanent solution to the leak, would be needed to plug the gusher permanently.



Article Summary

	<i>By Date</i>				
	Print	Online	Broadcast	Blogs	Social Media
Monday, July 26, 2010	79	1592	497	658	149
Tuesday, July 27, 2010	96	1666	566	725	239
Wednesday, July 28, 2010	117	1232	404	715	170
Thursday, July 29, 2010	74	905	214	562	113
Friday, July 30, 2010	82	1224	308	653	203
Saturday, July 31, 2010	55	831	114	319	98
Sunday, August 01, 2010	77	746	142	295	114
Monday, August 02, 2010	77	1318	418	478	175
Tuesday, August 03, 2010	88	1262	397	608	254
Wednesday, August 04, 2010	69	1694	418	673	229
Thursday, August 05, 2010	40	300	115	170	33
Total	12460	175017	36865	95353	33975

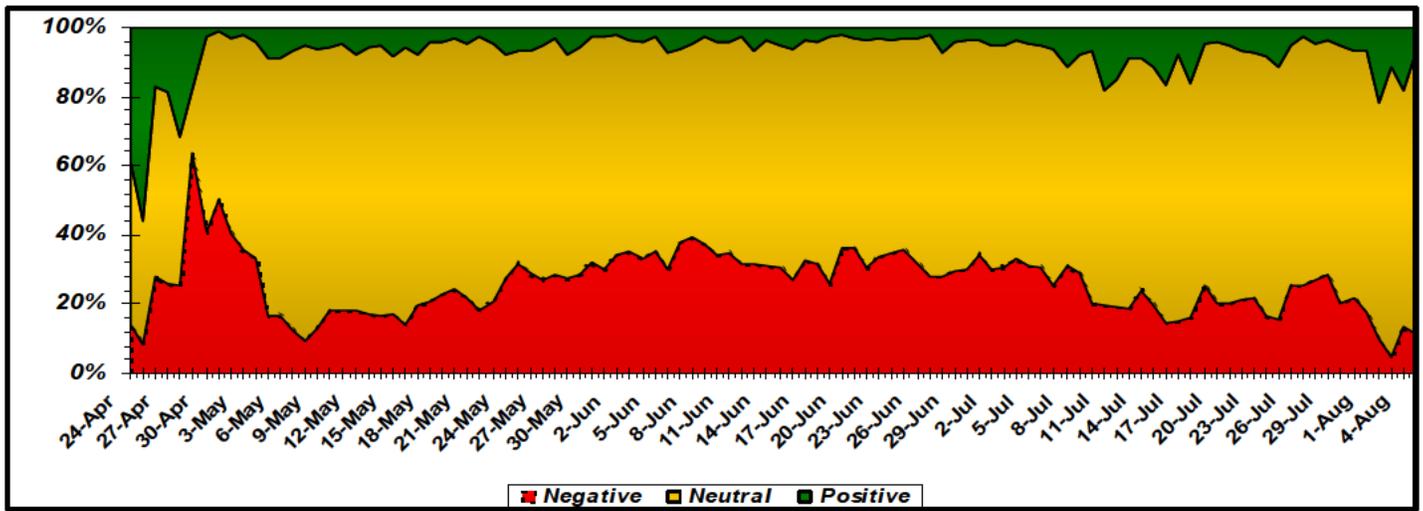
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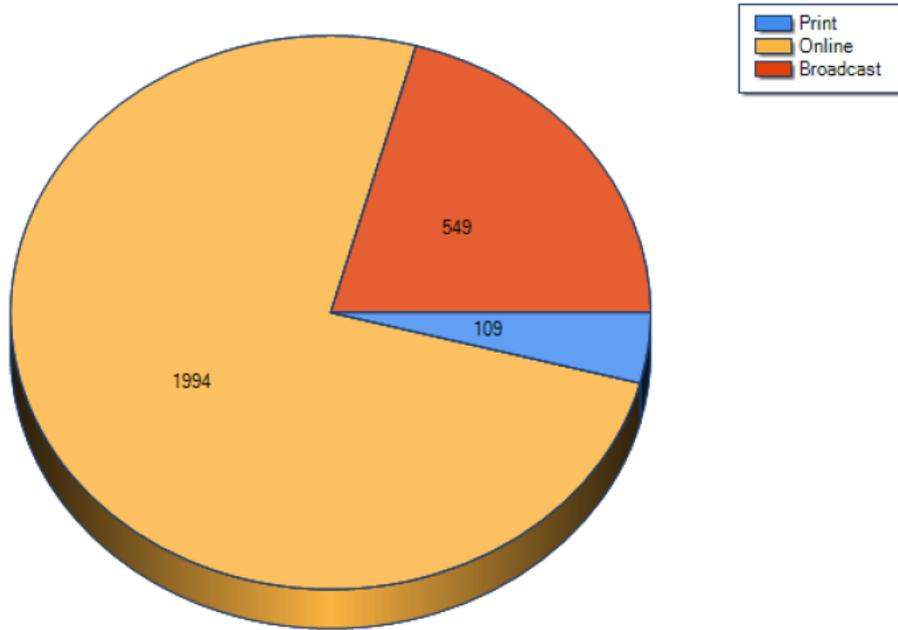


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Articles by Media Type



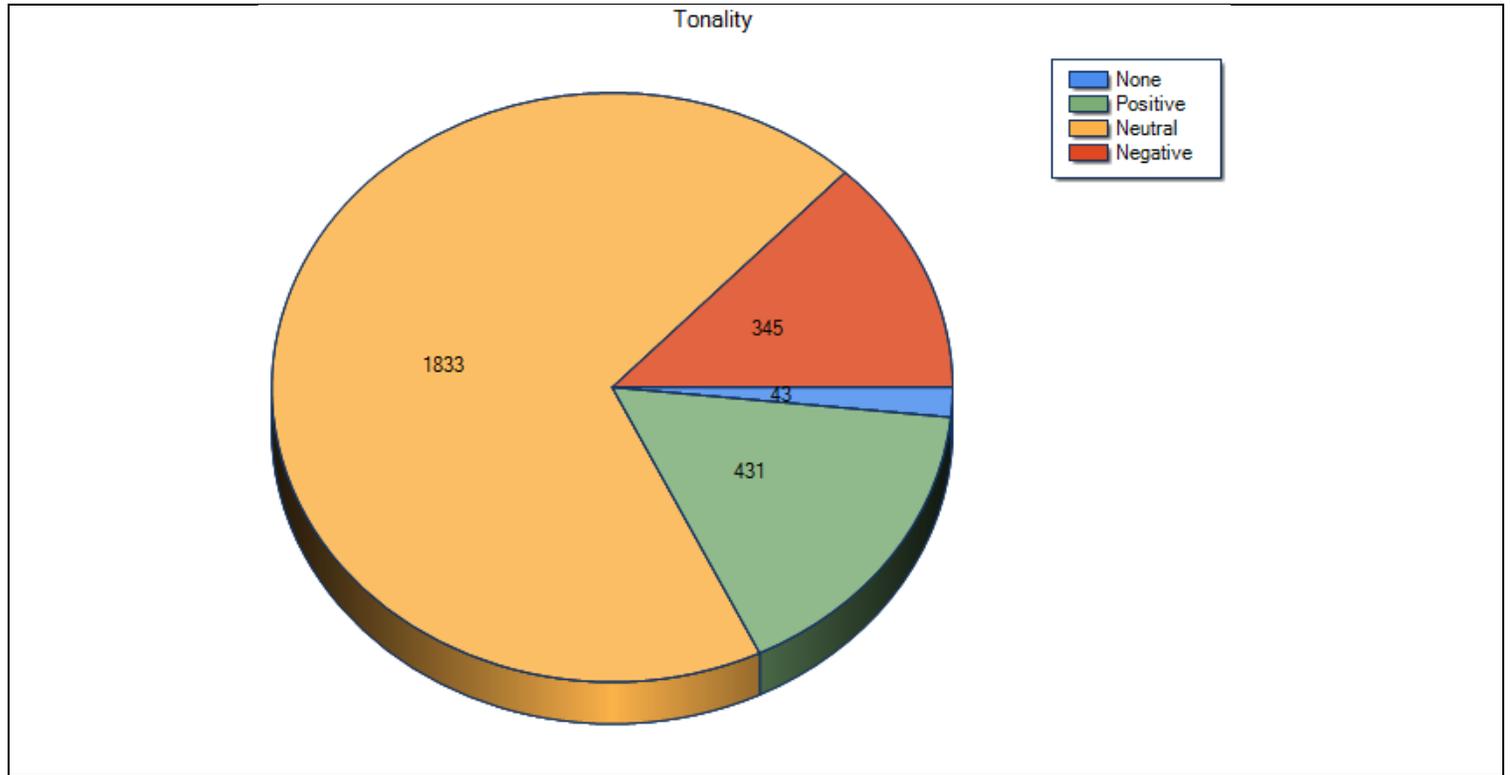


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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER 24-HOUR SUMMARY

UPDATED August 05, 2010 7 PM

PAST 24 HOURS

Admiral Allen Provides an Update on the BP Oil Spill Response

National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen provided a briefing to inform the American public and answer questions on the administration-wide response to the BP oil spill. A full transcript is available [here](#).

Admiral Allen discussed his decision, made with input from the federal science team in Houston, led by Energy Secretary Steven Chu, to sign an order last night to BP to proceed with pumping cement into the well—to increase the integrity of the well and enhance the probability of success for the bottom kill. The Q4000 has since completed the cement pumping operations. For the next 24 hours pressure will be applied and a final pressure test is expected to be conducted tomorrow—no further well operations are planned until then.

Allen again reiterated the importance of the relief well to ultimately kill the well: “Let me state, and I have stated this several times, that this is not the end,” he said. “But it will virtually assure us that there will be no chance of oil leaking into the environment. We will then proceed to finish the relief well. The relief well is currently four-and-a-half feet away from the Macondo well, and about 100 to 110 feet above the point where they would enter the annulus.”

Carol Browner Meets with Community Members and Business People in Florida

Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Carol Browner visited Panama City and Pensacola, Fla., to meet with community members and business people impacted by the BP oil spill. One of the senior Administration officials overseeing the Gulf oil spill response and a former Florida Secretary of the Environment, Browner spoke at the Bay County Economic Development Alliance Meeting on Florida State University’s Panama City Campus and hosted roundtable discussions with community members impacted by the spill in each city.



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Secretary Mabus Holds Two Town Hall Meetings in Louisiana

Continuing his fourth trip to the Gulf Coast, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus hosted two town hall meetings—in Houma and Buras, Louisiana—part of a weeklong series of meetings held throughout the Gulf Coast. The town hall meetings are open to the public and media, and will provide residents an opportunity to discuss long-term economic and environmental restoration ideas with the Secretary. This week, Mabus has already hosted meetings in Alabama and Florida.

President Obama charged Secretary Mabus with developing a long-term Gulf Coast Restoration Plan. The plan will consider economic development, community planning, restoration of the ecosystem and environment, public health efforts and assistance to individuals and businesses impacted by the spill in the Gulf.

62 Rehabilitated Birds Released Back to the Wild

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service yesterday released 47 rehabilitated laughing gulls on Rabbit Island in Cameron Parish, La., and 15 rehabilitated birds—mostly brown pelicans, rescued from the BP oil spill and treated at the Hammond Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Louisiana—were released on Rabbit Island in Cameron Parish, La. this morning. The bird release was done in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and is the first Louisiana in-state release since the BP oil spill began.

FWS Personnel Continue Wildlife Rescue and Recovery Missions Across the Region

From the Houma, La., Incident Command Post, 270 field personnel, 86 vessels and four helicopters participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions. From the Mobile, Ala., Incident Command Post, wildlife recovery teams comprised of 91 volunteers responded to 49 calls on the Wildlife Hotline. To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.

Shoreline Cleanup Operations Continue Along the Gulf Coast

FWS and National Parks Service continue cleanup operations on NPS lands and FWS refuges along the Gulf Coast. Clean-up crews removed 2,000 pounds of debris in Mississippi—including Horn Island, Petit Bois and Ship Island—and 240 pounds of debris in Perdido Beach, Florida.



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Approved SBA Economic Injury Assistance Loans Surpass \$18.7 Million

SBA has approved 219 economic injury assistance loans to date, totaling more than \$18.7 million for small businesses in the Gulf Coast impacted by the BP oil spill. Additionally, the agency has granted deferments on 772 existing SBA disaster loans in the region, totaling more than \$4.3 million per month in payments. For information on assistance loans for affected businesses, visit the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, call (800) 659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Administration Continues to Oversee BP's Claims Process

The administration will continue to hold the responsible parties accountable for repairing the damage, and repaying Americans who've suffered a financial loss as a result of the BP oil spill. To date, 142,746 claims have been opened, from which more than \$302 million have been disbursed. No claims have been denied to date. There are 1,260 claims adjusters on the ground. To file a claim, visit www.bp.com/claims or call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118. Additional information about the BP claims process and all available avenues of assistance can be found at www.disasterassistance.gov.

By the Numbers to Date:

- The administration has authorized the deployment of 17,500 National Guard troops from Gulf Coast states to respond to this crisis; currently, 1,582 are active.
- Approximately 31,800 personnel are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines.
- More than 4,950 vessels are currently responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.
- Approximately 3.02 million feet of containment boom* and 8.29 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed to contain the spill—and approximately 1 million feet of containment boom and 3.1 million feet of sorbent boom are available.
- More than 34.7 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.



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- Approximately 1.84 million gallons of total dispersant have been applied—1.07 million on the surface and 771,000 sub-sea. Approximately 577,000 gallons are available.
- 411 controlled burns have been conducted, efficiently removing a total of more than 11.14 million gallons of oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife. Because calculations on the volume of oil burned can take more than 48 hours, the reported total volume may not reflect the most recent controlled burns.
- 17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines.
- Approximately 649 miles of Gulf Coast shoreline is currently oiled—approximately 371 miles in Louisiana, 112 miles in Mississippi, 75 miles in Alabama, and 91 miles in Florida. These numbers reflect a daily snapshot of shoreline currently experiencing impacts from oil so that planning and field operations can more quickly respond to new impacts; they do not include cumulative impacts to date, or shoreline that has already been cleared.
- Approximately 57,539 square miles of Gulf of Mexico federal waters remain closed to fishing in order to balance economic and public health concerns. Approximately 76 percent remains open. Details can be found at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.
- To date, the administration has leveraged assets and skills from numerous foreign countries and international organizations as part of this historic, all-hands-on-deck response, including Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, the United Nations' International Maritime Organization, the European Union's Monitoring and Information Centre, and the European Maritime Safety Agency.

**The decrease in boom numbers is due to the continued recovery of displaced boom. Once recovered, this boom must be decontaminated, repaired, inspected, and certified before being staged or redeployed. New boom is being deployed in some areas.*

Resources:

- For information about the response effort, visit www.RestoreTheGulf.gov.
- For specific information about the federal-wide response, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/deepwater-bp-oil-spill>
- To contact the Deepwater Horizon Joint Information Center, call (713) 323-1670.
- To volunteer, or to report oiled shoreline, call (866) 448-5816. Volunteer opportunities can also be found [here](#).
- To submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity skimming system, or to submit alternative response technology, services, or products, call 281-366-5511.



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- To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.
- For information about validated environmental air and water sampling results, visit www.epa.gov/bpspill.
- For National Park Service updates about potential park closures, resources at risk, and NPS actions to protect vital park space and wildlife, visit <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/oil-spill-response.htm>.
- For Fish and Wildlife Service updates about response along the Gulf Coast and the status of national wildlife refuges, visit <http://www.fws.gov/home/dhoilspill/>.
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- Any members of the press who encounter response personnel restricting their access or violating the [media access policy](#) set forth by Admiral Allen should contact the Joint Information Center. Click [here](#) for more information, including a list of regular embed opportunities.



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LOOP CURRENT

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Loop Current Location Relative to Oil Slick

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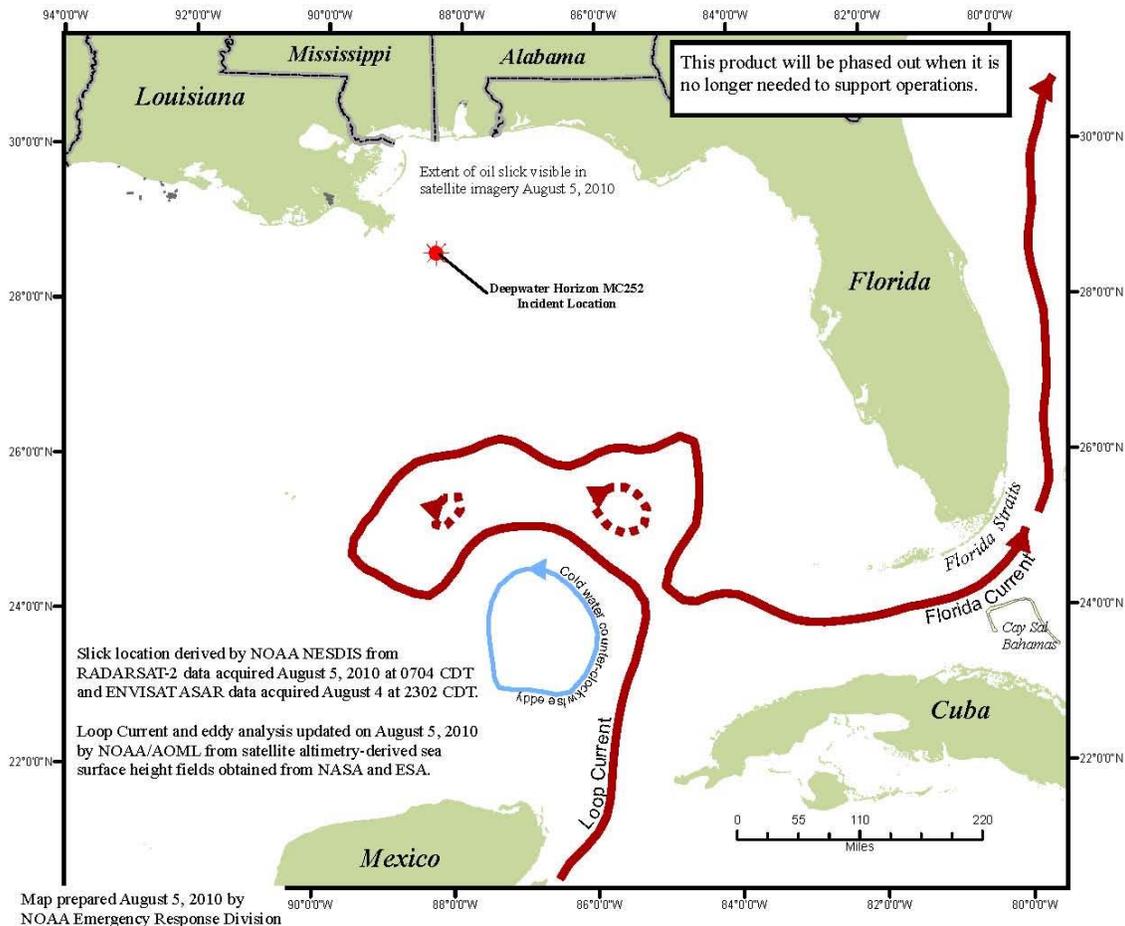


The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is closely monitoring the Deepwater Horizon MC252 (BP oil spill) slick's proximity to the Loop Current in the Gulf of Mexico.

- The Loop Current is an area of warm water that comes up from the Caribbean, flowing past the Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico) and into the Gulf of Mexico.
- It generally curves east across the Gulf and then flows south parallel to the west Florida coast; there it becomes the Florida Current as it moves through the Florida Straits, joins the Gulf Stream and travels up the Atlantic Coast, veering progressively farther away from the coast.
- Sometimes the northern part of the Loop Current separates from the main Loop Current, forming a large rotating region of water, known as an eddy.
- There are also smaller eddys that form along the edges of the Loop Current.

Both the location of the Loop Current and location of the oil slick are dynamic and constantly changing. The present location of the oil is identified daily through analysis of satellite imagery, observer overflights and advanced technology on aircraft. This information is also keeping us informed of how far away the oil is from the Loop Current each day. If oil from the spill enters the Loop Current, it would take at least a few days or more to reach the Florida Straits. During this transit time, the natural processes of evaporation and dispersion would reduce the oil volume significantly, and make it less toxic. The remaining oil would be mostly in the form of tarballs.

The figure below, depicts the present location of the Loop Current and the location of the Deepwater Horizon well. There has been no indication of oil in or near the Loop Current for over seven weeks, the well has not released any significant oil since July 15 and there has been no oil observed on the water surface for a number of days; therefore, at present there is no risk of the Loop Current transporting oil. NOAA will continue to monitor the situation daily until further notice.





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FISHERIES STATUS

Southeast Fishery Bulletin

National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701-5505

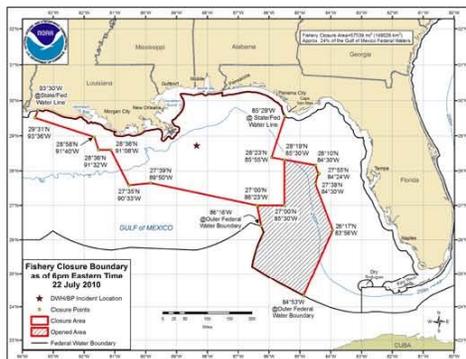
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July 22, 2010
FB10-066

BP Oil Spill: NOAA Re-opens Previously Closed Portions of the Gulf of Mexico to Commercial and Recreational Fishing

Effective **July 22, 2010 at 6 p.m. eastern time** (5 p.m. central time), NOAA will reopen 26,388 square miles (68,345 sq km) of area it had previously closed to commercial and recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico in response to the BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill. All commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in the remaining closed area; however, transit through the area is allowed.

observed in the northeastern Gulf was projected to enter the loop current and move south. Since mid-June, NOAA data has shown no oil in the area, and United States Coast Guard observers flying over the area in the last 30 days have also not seen any oil. Trajectory models show the area is at a low risk for future exposure to oil. NOAA collected 52 samples of fish from this area, including commercially and recreationally important species. Sensory testing showed no detectable oil or dispersant odors or flavors in the samples, and the results of chemical analysis were well below levels of concern.



Map Link:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/deepwater_horizon/BP_OilSpill_FisheryClosureMap_072210.pdf

The closed area now measures 57,539 sq mi (149,026 sq km) and covers about 24% of the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone. Before the southern area was re-opened, 83,927 miles (217,371 sq km), or roughly 35% of federal waters of the Gulf, were closed to fishing. NOAA will continue to evaluate the need for fisheries closures based on the evolving nature of the spill and will re-open closed areas as appropriate.

The re-opened area was originally closed as a precaution, because light oil sheen that had been

NOAA continues to work closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the states to ensure seafood safety, by closing fishing areas where tainted seafood could potentially be caught, and assessing whether seafood is tainted or contaminated to levels that pose a risk to human health. NOAA and FDA are working together to sample seafood from inside and outside the closure area, as well as dockside- and market-based sampling.

The closed area is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following coordinates:

North latitude	West longitude
At state/federal line	85° 29'
28° 23'	85° 55'
28° 19'	85° 30'
27° 00'	85° 30'
27° 00'	86° 23'
27° 39'	89° 50'
27° 35'	90° 33'
28° 36'	91° 08'
28° 36'	91° 32'
28° 58'	91° 40'
29° 31'	93° 36'
At the state/federal line	93° 30'
Follow the state/federal water line easterly to beginning point	



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Reminders

Modeling and mapping the actual and projected spill area is not an exact science. NOAA Fisheries Service strongly advises fishermen not to fish in areas where oil or oil sheens (very thin layers of floating oil) are present, even if those areas are not currently closed to fishing.

If state waters are closed to fishing due to the oil spill, all vessels must comply with that closure. If state waters

Ways to Receive Closure Information:

- Sign up for Southeast Fishery Bulletins: send an email to: SERO.Communications.Comments@noaa.gov
- Call 1-800-627-NOAA (1-800-627-6622) to hear a recording of the current coordinates (with messages in Spanish and Vietnamese)
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for updates
- Sign up for text messages on your cell phone: text fishing@gulf to 84469 (for more information, visit <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/558107>)
- Follow us on Twitter: usnoagov to get a tweet when the closed area changes

are not closed to fishing due to the oil spill, federally permitted vessels may fish in those waters while abiding by all other applicable regulations.

Permit holders are reminded to maintain their federal vessel permits by submitting timely reporting requirements and renewal applications, even if the vessel is not currently engaged in fishing activities.

Links for more information:

Southeast Regional Office's Web page:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm

NOAA's National Ocean Service

<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov>

Deepwater Horizon Response

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call 1-800-440-0858.



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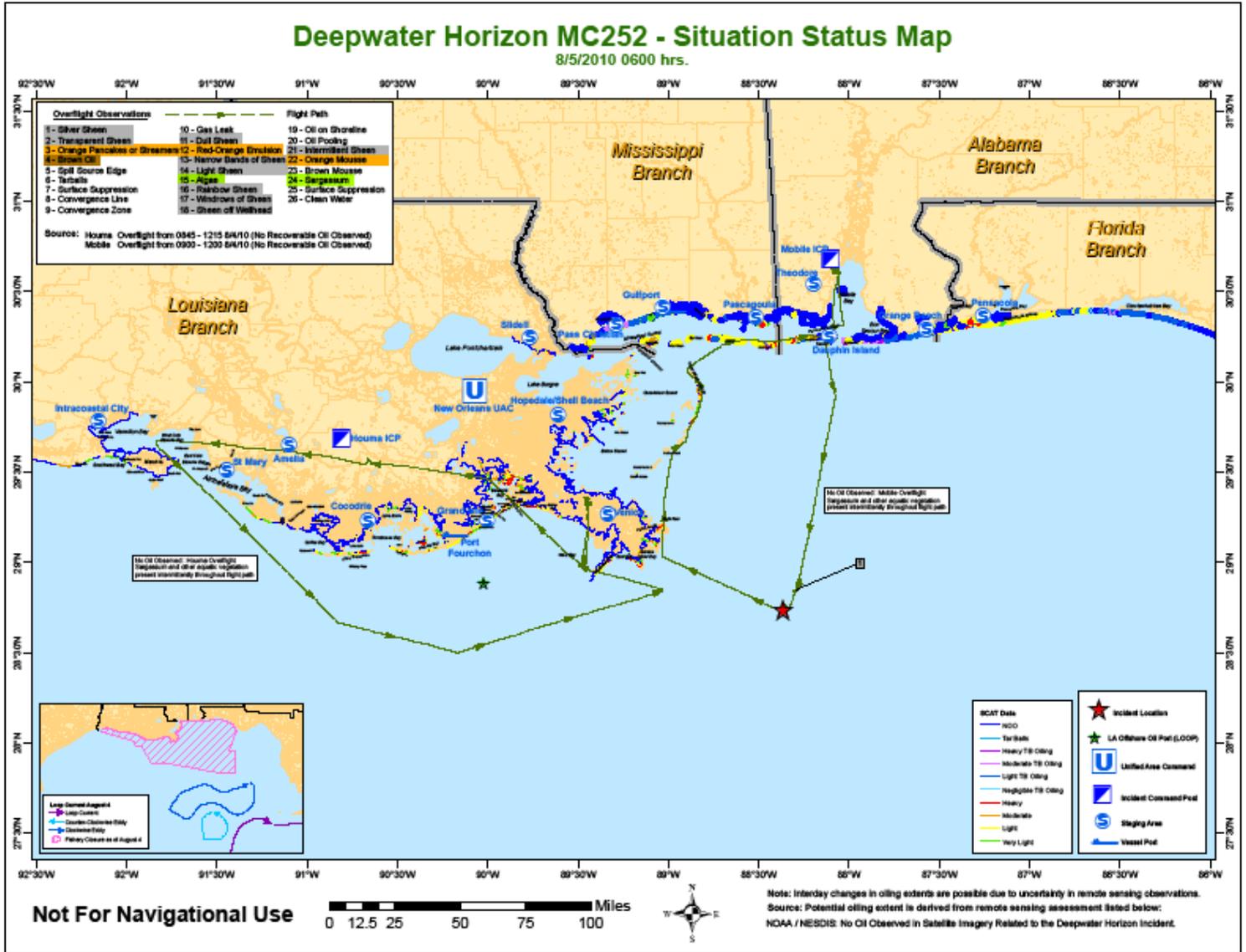


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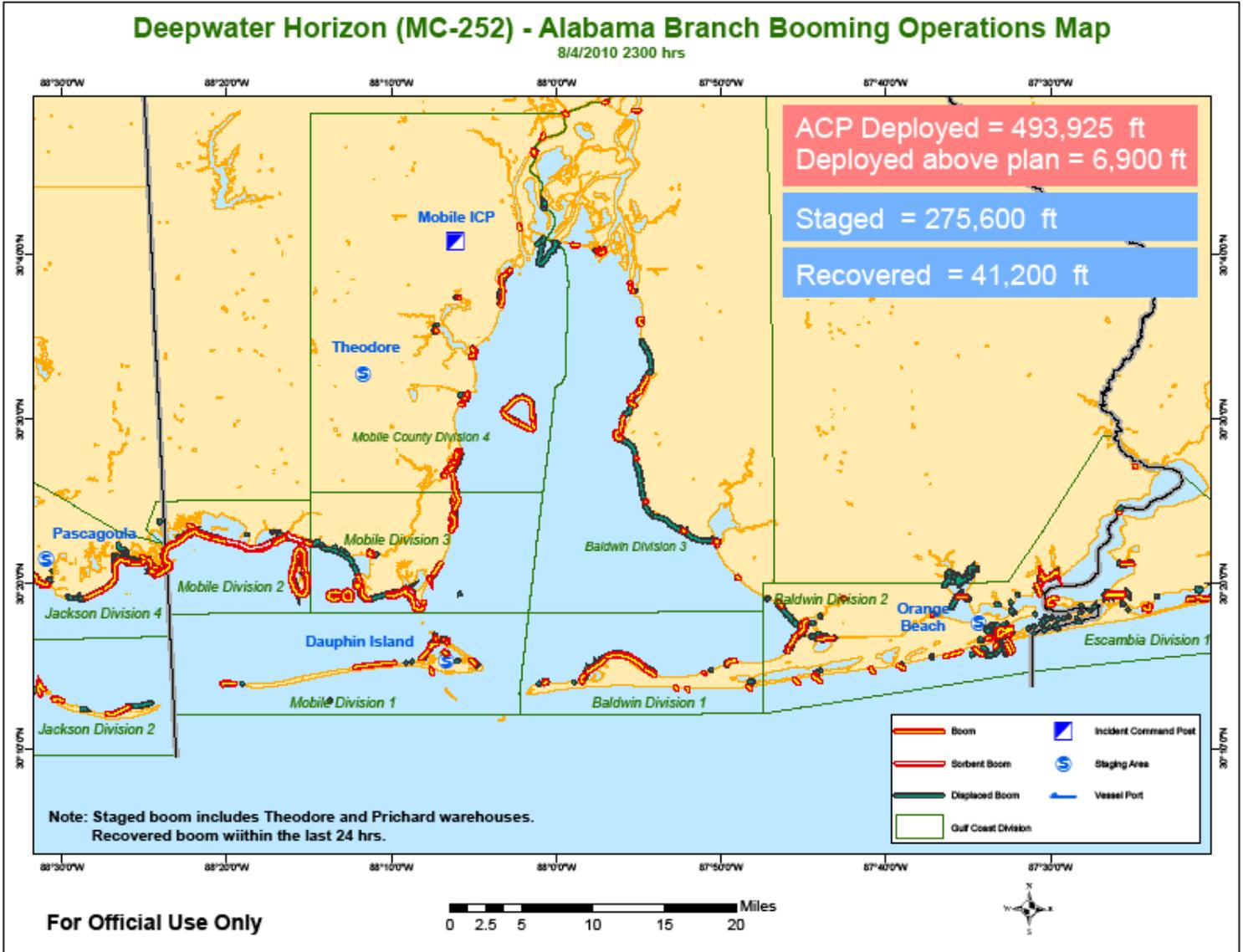
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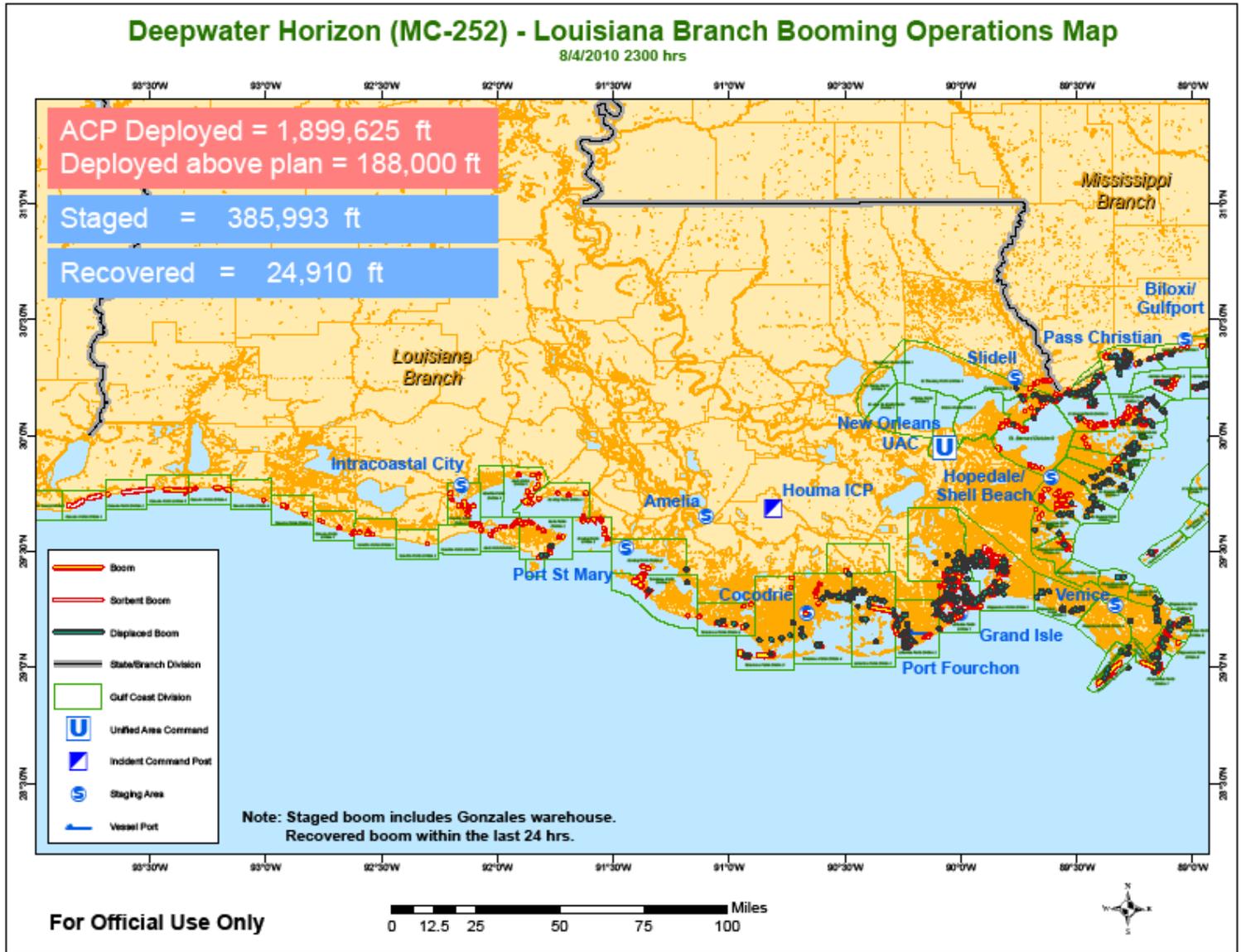
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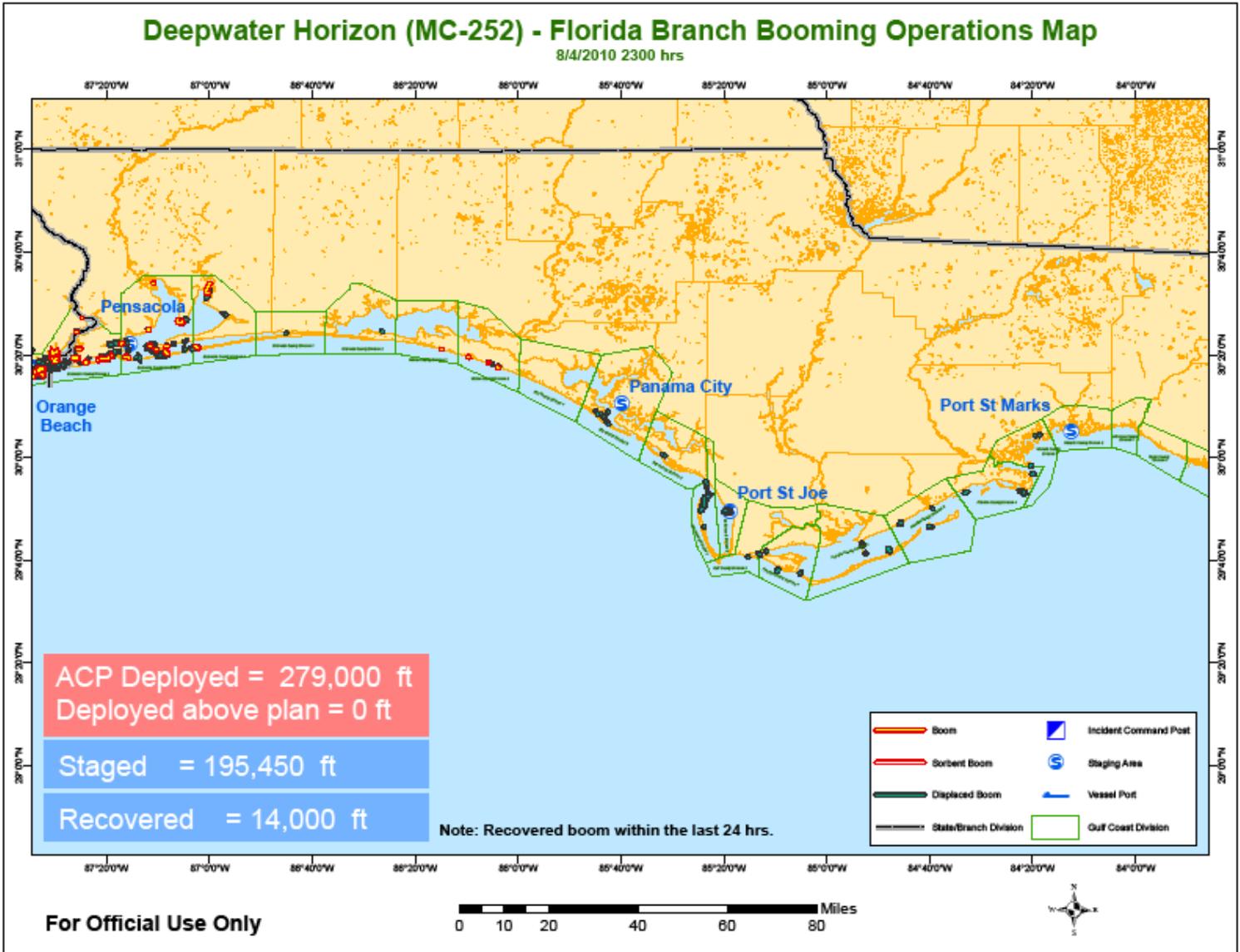
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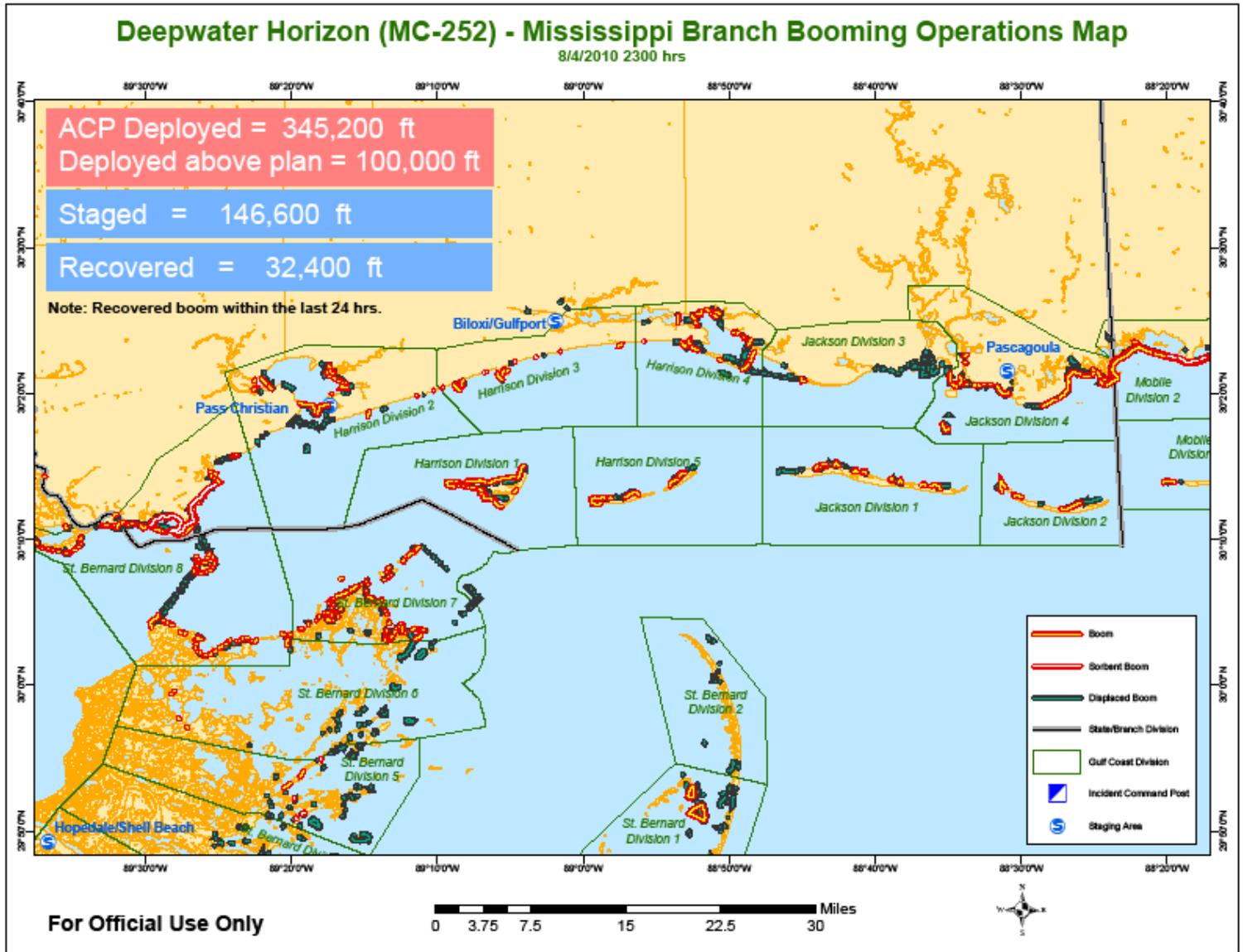
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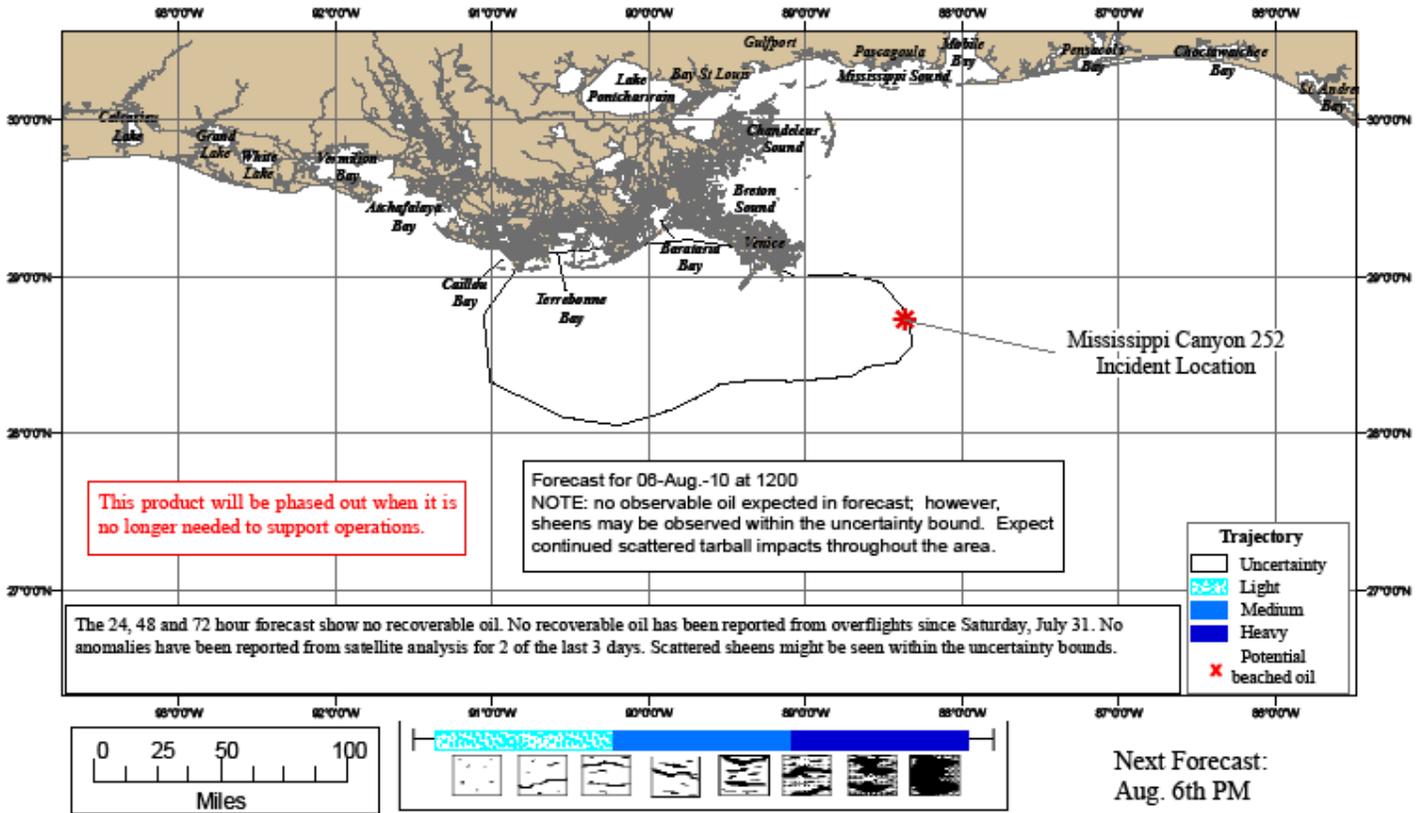
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Date Prepared: 2000 CDT, Thursday, 8/05/10



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Forecast for 06-Aug.-10 at 1200
NOTE: no observable oil expected in forecast; however, sheens may be observed within the uncertainty bound. Expect continued scattered tarball impacts throughout the area.

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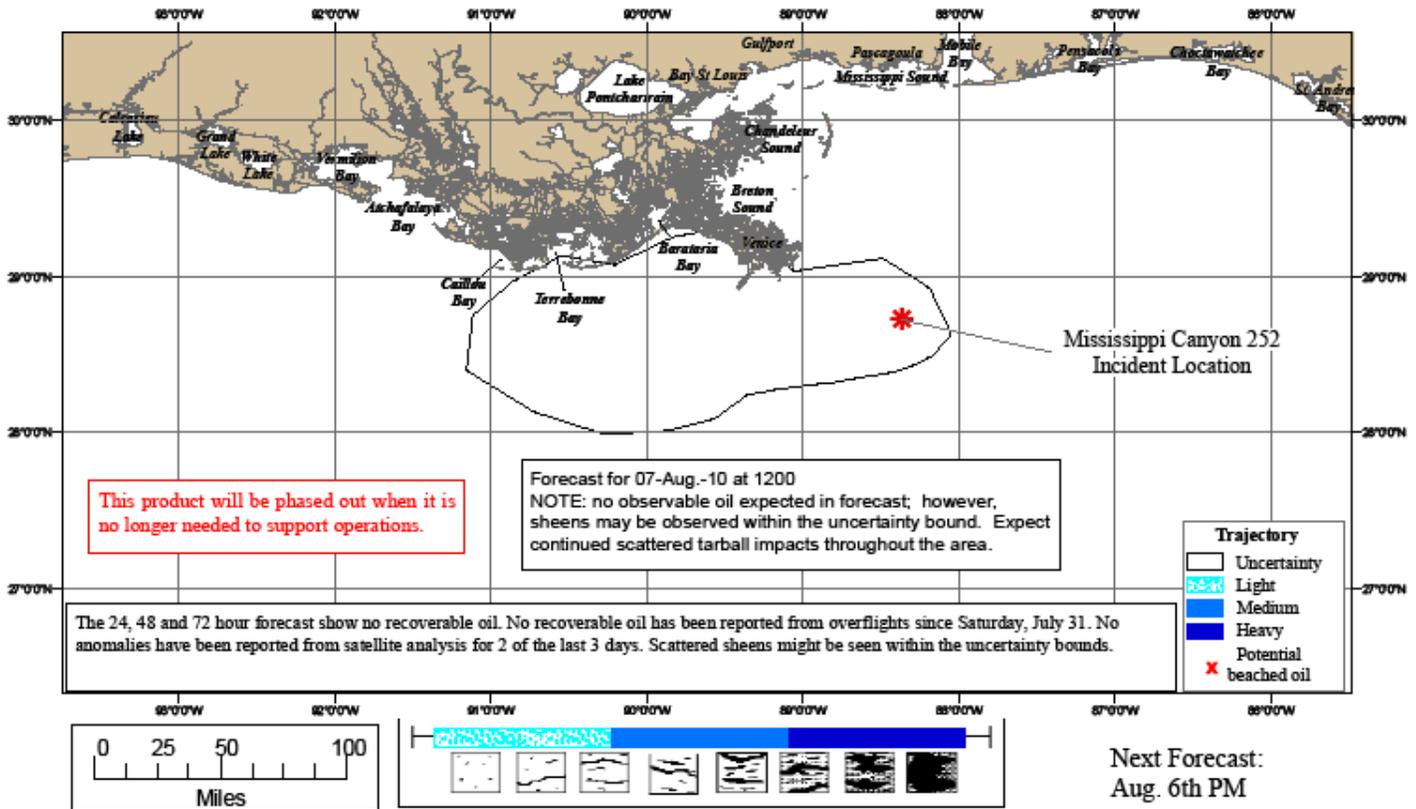
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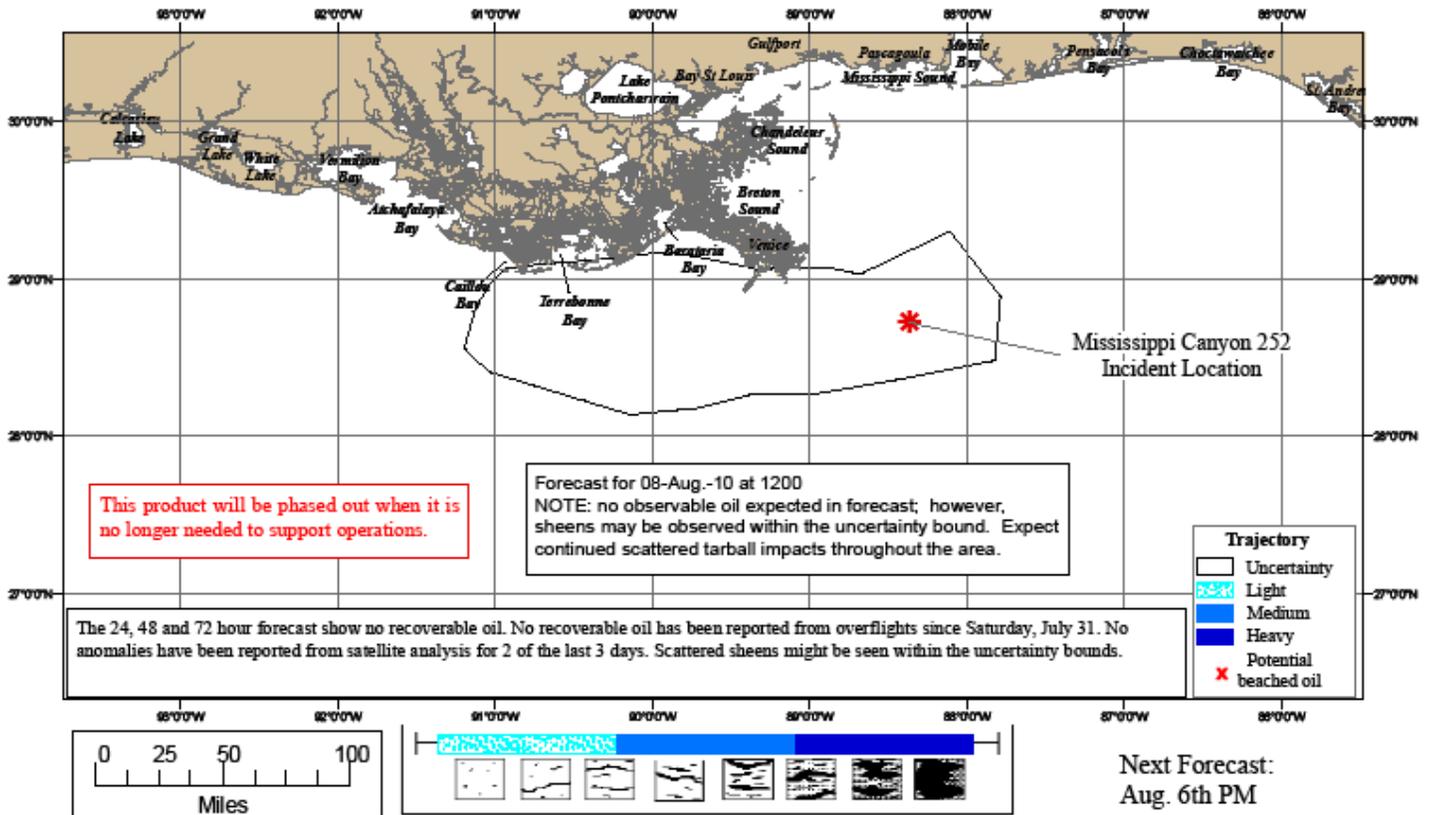
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DEPUTIES COMMITTEE MEETING TALKING POINTS

**Restricted Deputies Meeting on Responding to Deepwater Horizon
White House Situation Room**

**August 05, 2010
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

No Deputies Committee Talking Points received for 05 August

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Subject National Incident Commander Brief 0430EDT 06 August
2010

Good Morning Admiral Allen,

Attached is the 0430EDT 06 August 2010 situation update.

Operational highlights below:

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New - SYSTEM #1 - New: (NWS FORECAST 1400EDT 06 August)
A LARGE AREA OF DISTURBED WEATHER OVER THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE LOCATED ABOUT 800 MILES WEST OF THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE FOR SLOW DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SYSTEM DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS AS IT MOVES TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST AT AROUND 15 MPH. THERE IS A MEDIUM CHANCE...40 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

SYSTEM #2: (NWS FORECAST 0300EDT 07 August)
SHOWER ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH A TROPICAL WAVE OVER THE NORTHWESTERN CARIBBEAN SEA HAS DECREASED OVER THE PAST FEW HOURS. THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF A SURFACE CIRCULATION...AND SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SYSTEM IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE IT MOVES INLAND OVER THE YUCATAN PENINSULA AND BELIZE LATER TODAY. THERE IS A LOW CHANCE...10 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST OPERATIONAL PERIOD:

* SNOLA reports the sinking of the M/V RECOVERY 1. The vsl was moored to a barge due to TOW and has been reported by ICP HOUMA as sinking IVO Hopedale, LA. The vsl is an oil recovery vsl and was operating in support of

the Deepwater Horizon response. Currently no further information is known of this incident and SNOLA is investigating. Case Pends

* MONITORING: Temperature at the casing was 39.9 degrees F.
(Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

* HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN: Cement plug was pressure tested to 1000 psi positive pressure over original well pressure of approximately 3600 psi. After 15 minutes well experience a 65 psi pressure drop (10% drop in test pressure is within regulatory limits). Data is being analyzed by scientific team and BOEM. A second test is going to be performed under the recommendation of the science team. Parameters of second pressure test are yet to be determined. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

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<https://government.hsin.gov>

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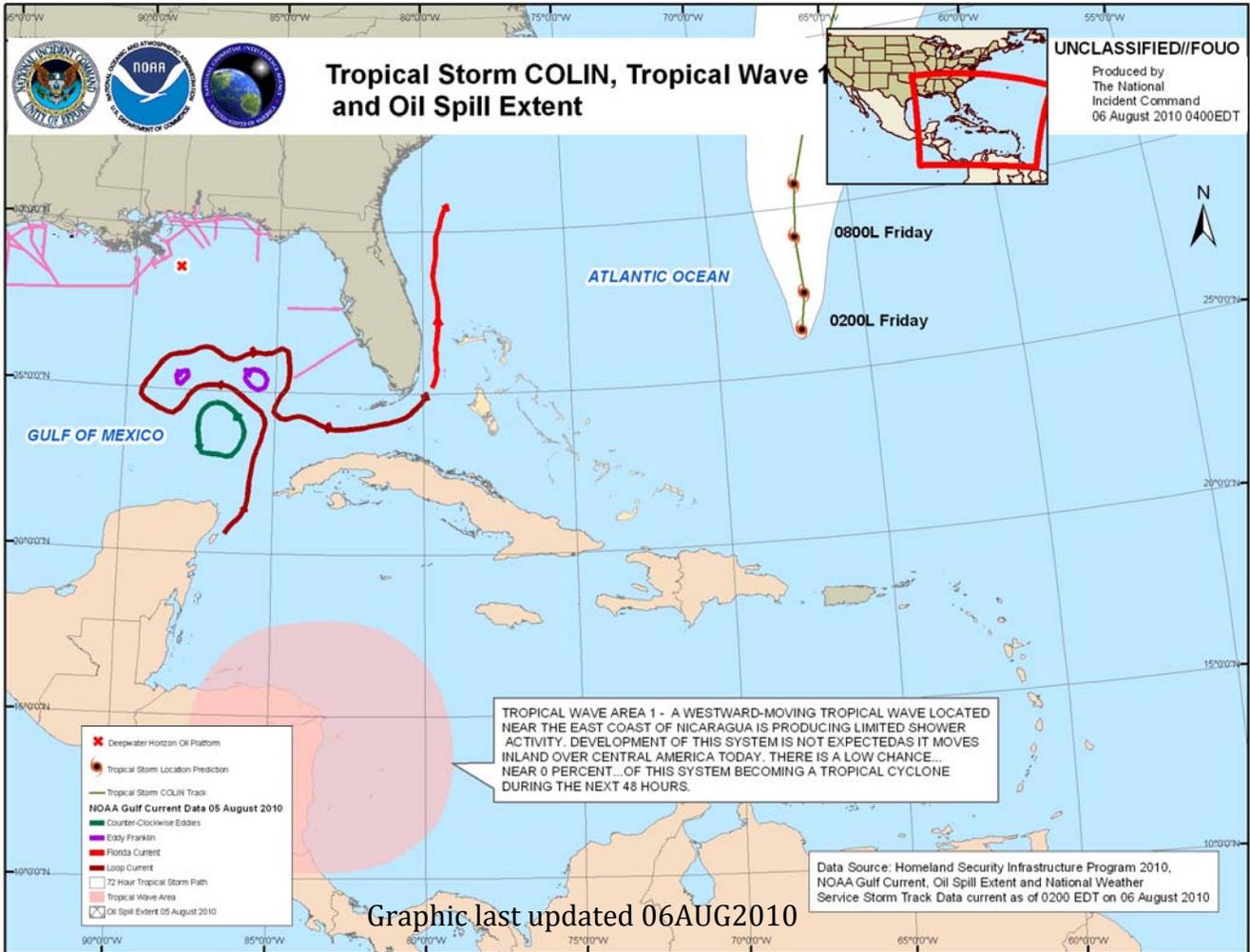




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National Incident Commander Objectives:

1. Establish and manage a coordinated interagency response effort to effectively employ all resources required to mitigate current and long term environmental and economic impacts of the incident.
2. Engage and inform the public, stakeholders and the media, keeping them apprised of response activities and plans.
3. Engage across all levels of government to develop courses of action for issues that span multiple agencies and departments.

Unified Area Command Objectives:

1. Ensure the safety and welfare of citizens and response personnel.
2. Control the source of the spill.
3. Continue to contain, recover, and dispose of spilled material.
4. Continue to maximize use and availability of advanced source control and response technologies.
5. Continue to maximize the protection, assessment, and response to environmentally, sensitive areas and wildlife risk.
6. Ensure stakeholders, government officials, and the public are kept informed of source control and response actions.
7. Minimize social, political, economic, and environmental impacts.
8. Continue to optimize critical resource utilization and effectiveness from all agencies and organizations across all response areas.
9. Ensure sustainability by conducting strategic planning to address long-range planning concerns; including worst case scenarios, contingencies, resources, logistics, and potential gaps.

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- Well Integrity: monitored with sonar sweeps; no seismic runs
- Relief Wells:
 - DDIII – finished testing BOP, drilled 15 feet to 17,879 feet, and performed formation integrity test
 - DDII- on stand by
- Static Kill:
 - Finished pumping cement from the top per plan
 - Waiting for cement to cure

WEATHER: (NOAA Spot Forecast 0300EDT 07 August)

Date	Wind (kts)	Sea State	Seas (ft)	Rain (%)
Saturday 07 August day	WSW 6-10	1	Smooth	30
Saturday 07 August night	SW 6-10	1	Smooth	30
Sunday 08 August day	SW 6-10	1	Smooth	35
Sunday 08 August night	SW 5-8	1	Smooth	30
Monday 09 August	WSW 5-9	1	Smooth	30
Tuesday 10 August	VRB-5-10	1	Smooth	40
Wednesday 11 August	E 10	1	Smooth	40
Thursday 12 August	ESE 8-10	2		40

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SOME STRENGTHENING IS POSSIBLE TODAY. TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 125 MILES...205 KM TO THE NORTH AND EAST OF THE CENTER. THE ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 1008 MB...29.77 INCHES.

New - SYSTEM #1 - New: (NWS FORECAST 1400EDT 06 August)

A LARGE AREA OF DISTURBED WEATHER OVER THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE LOCATED ABOUT 800 MILES WEST OF THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE FOR SLOW DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SYSTEM DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS AS IT MOVES TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST AT AROUND 15 MPH. THERE IS A MEDIUM CHANCE...40 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

SYSTEM #2: (NWS FORECAST 0300EDT 07 August)

SHOWER ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH A TROPICAL WAVE OVER THE NORTHWESTERN CARIBBEAN SEA HAS DECREASED OVER THE PAST FEW HOURS. THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF A SURFACE CIRCULATION...AND SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SYSTEM IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE IT MOVES INLAND OVER THE YUCATAN PENINSULA AND BELIZE LATER TODAY. THERE IS A LOW CHANCE...10 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

SOURCE CONTROL: (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

Vessel	0000-2359CDT 05 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	562,104 bbls <small>*includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 22,158 bbls)</small>	1,272.4 million cubic ft of gas <small>* includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 88.4 gas)</small>
Q4000	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	241,187 bbls	534.1 million cubic ft of gas
HELIX PRODUCER I	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	23,742 bbls	~56.5 million cubic ft of gas (estimated due to incorrectly calibrated meter)
Cumulative oil/gas recovered	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	827,033 bbls	~1,863 million cubic ft of gas

- **DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE (DE):** Remains shut in and standing by to produce. Top Hat #8 lowered to depth. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **HELIX PRODUCER I:** The HP I was shut-in at 1120CDT 15 July. Standing-by. T-time is 12 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **Q4000:** Successfully completed the cement pumping operations at 1410CDT 05AUG2010. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SEISMIC/ACOUSTIC TESTING:** No seismic activities are planned for 06 August. Two runs are planned for 07 August. Acoustic activities are ongoing. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

- **WELL INTEGRITY TEST PLAN:** The well pressure held steady throughout the night with a slight pressure increase and no anomalies. Wellhead pressure is currently 3658 psi. The Wellhead temperature has remained consistent at 40 degrees F. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **MONITORING:** **Temperature at the casing was 39.9 degrees F.** Geophones and “big ears” sensors continue monitoring that is being recorded and collected by the BOA SUB C. Geophones will be retrieved every 48 hours to limit interference with ROV operations. Continue to monitor bubbles at base of well. T-time is 1 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN:** **Cement plug was pressure tested to 1000 psi positive pressure over original well pressure of approximately 3600 psi. After 15 minutes well experience a 65 psi pressure drop (10% drop in test pressure is within regulatory limits). Data is being analyzed by scientific team and BOEM. A second test is going to be performed under the recommendation of the science team. Parameters of second pressure test are yet to be determined.** (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SUB-SEA DISPERSANT:** Dispersant injections at the BOP were secured at 1417CDT 15 July. No other dispersants used at this time. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC):** No reported VOCs. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SHORT TERM CONTAINMENT:** DE has Top Hat #8 standing by. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 1:** Standing by. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 2:** The FSR 2 inner riser has been completed. Upper riser work scheduled. 1060’ jumper installed. 2900’ jumper is ready but requires 3 vessels to install and to be coordinated around the work over the well. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SUBSEA TIE-IN:** Planning and design work are ongoing for both the Rigel and Na Kika tie-in options. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

RELIEF WELL DATA: (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

	Total Drill Depth (MD=measured or total drilled depth in feet)	Day # of Est. Completion Days	True Vertical Depth (from sea level)	Comments
DD-II	15,961’	64 of 104 (63%)	15,200’	T-Time 108 hrs
DD-III	17,879’	88 of 104 (85%)	17,123’	T-Time 94 hrs

- **DD-II:** 2nd Relief Well- Conducting maintenance and will hold operations and await results of the DDIII relief well. T-time is 108 Hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **DD-III:** 1st Relief Well- **DDIII is at a depth of 17,879’ (17,123’ TVD).** The 9 7/8 shoe was drilled out last night and the well depth increased by 15 feet. Currently pulling out of hole to perform a bonding log and range run #14. Drilling scheduled to recommence on Sunday with 30 foot increase in depth planned. Estimated intercept date 14-15 Aug. T-time is 94 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

- **PLUG AND ABANDONMENT (P&A):** Procedures for P&A are being developed for submittal. Current plan is to commence removal of the capping stack and DWH BOP OOA 19 Aug using Q4000 and DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

(Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
Q4000	United States	On-scene	Working with support vessels (BLUE DOLPHIN & HOS CENTERLINE)	Current T-Time 82 hours. Standing by. Shut down as of 1050CDT, 15 July
				Operational T-Time 69 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'; conducting final pressure tests.
GECO TOPAZ	United States	On-scene	Seismic Runs	Seismic Runs
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA PISCES	United States	Departed area	Seismic Runs	Acoustic Runs
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA HENRY B. BIGELOW	United States	On-scene	Site Monitoring	Acoustic Runs
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA GORDON GUNTER	United States	On-scene	Marine Mammal Research	Conducting marine mammal research
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	Marshall Islands	On-scene	Containment	T-time is 49 hours. On site, lowered Top Hat #8 to depth.
				Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
HELIX PRODUCER I	Bahamas	On-scene	Oil Production Will process 20-25,000 bbls of oil/day at the CDP-1 free standing riser. Standing by to receive containment if required	T-time is 12 hours
				Operational T-Time 30 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
LOCH RANNOCH	United Kingdom	On-scene	Shuttle Tanker Hooked up to HP I & planning to receive 115 bbls of oil from HP1 tomorrow 2 Aug	Capacity is 1,000,000 bbls (40 days on station at full HPI production). Total volume on board is 24,628 bbls. T-time 0 hour
DISCOVERER CLEAR LEADER	Marshall Islands	Standing by Ship Shoal Block 363	Containment	On DP stand by at SS363. 3800' flexible on deck. Capacity is 125,000 bbls. T-Time 0 hours
DISCOVERER INSPIRATION	Marshall Islands	Mississippi Canyon Block 467	Demobilizing	Previously landed capping stack, preparing for demobilization
SKANDI NEPTUNE	Norway	On location	ROV operations; ready for dispersant application if necessary	
MASSACHUSETTS	United States	Moored New Orleans, LA	Shuttle Tank Barge Transfers oil from the DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
EVI KNUTSEN	Norway	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in area of Loop Anchorage	The tanker will store oil processed by the TOISA PISCES which has no storage capacity Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
NAVION FENNIA	Bahamas	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker	DP trials with TOISA PISCES completed, no discrepancies noted Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
SEILLEAN	Panama	Arrived at Galveston, TX 23 July	Containment USCG inspection team will complete Port State Control Exam prior to depart for MC252	Capacity is 310,000 bbls. Standing by at anchorage offshore Houston-Galveston ship channel. T-time is 0 hours
OVERSEAS CASCADE	United States	Standing by in field	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in the field	On standby in the field. T-time is 0 hours
TOISA PISCES	Liberia	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by for production/containment	The vessel is expected to hook up to the CDP-2 free standing riser to continuously process oil. T-Time 0 hours
SEACOR RIGOROUS	United States	At staging area	Support	Deployed 12" lightering transfer hose that will be used between HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
LA CHEVAL	United States	At staging area	Support	Hose and assist HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
NORMAND FORTRESS	Norway	On location	Construction support Standing by for lightering if needed	Install the pipeline crossing for the 2 subsea pipeline alternatives
WEST SIRIUS	Panama	Standing by at MC 427	Construction support	Install freestanding Riser 2
HOS ACHIEVER	Vanuatu	On-scene	Dispersant Injection	
BOA DEEP C	Spain	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
BOA SUB C	Malta	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
HOS CENTERLINE	United States	On-scene	DDII Support	
BJ BLUE DOLPHIN	United States	On-scene	DDIII Support	

CRITICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: (Critical Resources Unit 04 August)

- The list of International offers of Assistance will be posted to HSIN on Monday evenings at 1900EDT
- **International Offers of Assistance: Government to Government**
 - As of 04 August, the NIC has received 67 offers from 33 countries and International Organizations
 - 40 offers were for critical resources, 39 have been accepted

- In total, 46 govt and Intl Org offers have been accepted to date
- **International Offers of Assistance: Private, Government and IMO Facilitated**
 - As of 04 August, the NIC has received 58 offers of assistance from private companies
 - 25 offers were submitted directly by private entities
 - 33 offers were facilitated by foreign governments or the IMO
 - 34 offers were for critical resources, 6 offers have been accepted
- **Domestic Offers of Resources**
 - As of 04 August, the NIC has received 78 domestic offers
 - 20 originated through the Homeport website
 - 9 offers have been accepted
 - 27 offers were for critical resources; none have been accepted

- **Skimmers (DWH AAG 0700EDT 06 August)**

Foreign Skimmers	Domestic Skimmers	Navy Skimmers	Skimmers Freed up by Emergency Rule
49	835	54	27

- As of 04 August, 835 Skimmers now in theatre. Skimmer numbers published on “Deepwater Horizon At A Glance” daily slide.
- State by State listing of all Inshore and Near Shore skimmers now listed in NIC Deepwater Horizon Response “At a Glance” spreadsheet.
- UAC confirms 309 skimmers delivered on 19 July. (UAC 1600EDT 29 July)
- Number of foreign skimmers in theatre recently verified by UAC CRU (1600EDT 29 July).
- **Domestic Sources:**
Homeport website to collect skimmer availability went live on 01 July at 0900.
- **DOD: RFA 78B**
In theater: 23 offshore skimmers, 27 shallow water skimmers, 4 Harbor Busters, and 35 tow boats.

CLEAN- UP/RESPONSE OPERATIONS SHORESIDE: (DWH AAG 1055EDT 06 August)

	LA	MS	AL	FL	TX	TOTAL
Current Miles of Shoreline Impact	378.4	112.9	75.3	91.6	0	658.2
People Assigned	1,191	922	1,810	1,599	0	5,522

TEXAS:

SHORELINE: No SCAT currently scheduled.

INSHORE: .012 cubic yards recovered over 50’ in Surfside. Total recovered to date 117.67 cubic yards of oily solids.

NEARSHORE: NSTR

OFFSHORE: NSTR

LOUISIANA:

OFFSHORE: Currently only sheening found.

SHORELINE: Currently Oiled: Heavy to Moderate: 138.6 miles; Light to Trace: 239.8 miles; Total: 378.4 miles.

INSHORE: Currently only light oiling found. Fishing vessel skimming Task Forces and Shallow Water Barge Skimming Systems were operational.

TOTAL BARRELS COLLECTED ONSHORE/NEARSHORE: 2 bbl (0 bbls collected offshore)

MISSISSIPPI:

SHORELINE: Crews responded to light impact of tarballs in Hancock County. Crews continued cleanup on Belle Fontaine Beach, Petit Bois, Cat, Horn and Ship Islands. Crews conducted night operations on Hancock Beach.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 9.2 miles; Light to trace: total 103.8 miles; Total: 112.9 miles.

NEARSHORE: Operations of all task forces impacted by weather. VOOs conducted boom monitoring, surveillance and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

ALABAMA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in Alabama. Limited beach cleaning operations today due to weather conditions. Beach cleaning machines conducted night operations on Dauphin Island and in Baldwin County.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 5 miles; Light to trace: total 70.2 miles; Total: 75.3 miles.

NEARSHORE: Operations of all task forces impacted by weather. VOOs conducted oil and boom recovery, environmental sampling, wildlife support and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

FLORIDA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in the state of FL; re-oiling reported in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Cleanup crews continued manual cleanup in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties. Crews conducted mechanical beach cleaning in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Crews conducted mechanical/manual cleaning at night in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 3 miles; Light to trace: total 88.6 miles; Total: 91.6 miles.

NEARSHORE: Operations of all task forces impacted by WX. VOOs conducted boom monitoring, surveillance and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. Optimization of offshore VOO fleet size continues. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

SAFETY/PERSONNEL CASUALTIES:

ICP Mobile reported that a Global contractor was found deceased in his hotel room at 1600 EDT on 05 August in Pensacola, FL. The deceased contractor was discovered by his roommate. An investigation is pending. (NIC Bulletin 2142EDT 06 August)

OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:

(NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 06 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining	\$21,328,992.39
Fed Project Ceiling	\$541,767,579.00
Obligated funds to Date	\$435,243,064.33
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining	\$106,524,514.67

BP CLAIMS SUMMARY: (BP Claims 06 August)

- Total Number of Claims: 143,720
- Total Amount Disbursed: \$308,831,525
- Number of Claims Denied: 0
- Number of Checks Disbursed: 101,785

BP CLAIMS CALL CENTER (Last 24 Hours): (BP Claims 06 August)

- Calls Received: 973
- Call operators: 152
- Checks written: 2,211
- Managers/adjusters in field: 1,258
- Community Offices and Claim Centers: 36

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (UAC Sit Exec Sum 05 August)

- Well Integrity: Continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
- Relief Wells:
 - DDIII- pull out of hole for wireline logging, cement bond log, and ranging run
 - DDII- on stand by
- Static Kill Preparations:
 - Monitor shut-in well pressure
 - Conduct pressure test after cement is cured
- ENTERPRISE: on stand by
- HELIX PRODUCER: on stand by

NIC STRATEGIC EFFORTS:

- **FRTG Flow Rate Analysis**

On 31 July the Government released new daily estimates of oil flow based on the best available data. Total discharge is estimated at 4.93 million barrels with an uncertainty of +/- 10%. The cumulative range of oil released during the event estimated to be between 4,435,260 and 5,420,820 barrels. The revised estimates that the discharge rates ranged from 62,000 bbl/day at the start of the incident to 53,000 bbl/day when the well was capped on 15 July with an uncertainty factor of ±10%. The uncertainty factor in the best government estimate was used to create a Higher Flow Estimate and a Lower Flow Estimate report in the Oil Budget Tool. Based on reports of major explosions and burning oil from the first two days of the incident (20-21 April), the FRTG estimate begins on 22 April. In general, the discharge rate trended down over time due to decreasing pressure observed after the well was capped. Severing the riser on 04 June (Day 45), resulted in an estimate of discharge increase of approximately 4%.



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(Updates in RED)

The Oil budget Calculator was updated on 31 July using the revised Government flow estimates.

- **International Engagement Strategy**

NIC Strategic Planning staff continues to coordinate with DOS in regards to potential oil spill impacts to Cuba, Bahamas, and other affected countries. A Mexican scientific delegation will visit the NIC in the morning of 04 August with follow-up scientific presentations at the DOS in the afternoon. There will be approximately 30 participants including 15 Mexican representatives and others from NOAA, EPA, USGS, BOEM, USCG, and DOS.

- **Hurricane/Severe Weather Contingency Plan**

DWH Severe Weather Contingency Plan (SWCP) revision 5 is available on HSIN. Members can access and distribute as needed. The current plan is digitally searchable.

- **NIC Strategy Implementation**

NIC Strategy Implementation version 3.0 has been signed and is available via HSIN in the Interagency Strategic Planning folder. A draft NIC Strategy Implementation version 4.0 is in progress and will be distributed to IASG for comment.

- **Transition Planning**

NIC Interagency Strategic Planning is developing a NIC Transition Plan. Upon shut-in of the well (top and bottom kill), and with very little recoverable oil remaining, the need for a NIC will diminish rapidly. The requirement to effectively transition from the current NIC to a Regional Incident Commander (RIC) must be planned and executed with consideration of NIC functions, multiple factors, and competing interests. The NIC functional transition will be driven by conditions and as these conditions are met, they will drive the evolution and transition of the NIC to a RIC. The RIC will be an interim construct, similar to the NIC yet with reduced functions and authorities. The RIC will continue to provide federal oversight to the ongoing response and recovery efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.

- **NIC Lessons Learned**

NIC Strategic Planning is developing a NIC focused Lessons Learned/Best Practices plan for implementation. The intent of this plan is to capture lessons learned from all NIC team members, plans, policies, procedures, and response systems.



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NOC-PRODUCED SENIOR LEADERSHIP BRIEF

1100 EDT 06 August 2010

The Senior Leadership Brief is updated Monday through Friday only.

Secretary of Homeland Security Priorities

- Ensure Responsible Party (RP) continues efforts to permanently stop the oil leak.
- Ensure all capabilities (government, private, and commercial) and resources are being leveraged to protect the environment and facilitate a rapid, robust cleanup effort.
- Ensure every effort is being made to include and inform the local communities in support of response operations.

Current Situation

- **Oil Stoppage**
 - **Well Integrity Plan**
 - Well Integrity Test ongoing. (NIC)
 - Oil flow remains secured.
 - Continuing to monitor minor BOP leak and hydrate formation.
 - **Due to successful cement application, reporting of capping stack pressure is no longer relevant.**
 - **No seismic runs conducted 5 Aug.**
 - **2 seismic runs planned for 6 Aug.**
 - **Acoustic activities are ongoing.**
 - **Hydrostatic Control Plan:**
 - **Q4000 successfully completed the cement pumping operations at 1510 EDT 5 Aug.**
 - **For the next 24 hours pressure will be applied and a final pressure test will be conducted on 6 Aug, no further well operations planned until then.**
 - Vessel Q4000 started cement pumping operations at 0825 EDT 5 Aug.
 - Vessel Q4000 completed static kill operations with vessels BJ BLUE DOLPHIN and HOS CENTERLINE 4 Aug.
 - **Relief Wells**
 - Drill Rig DDIII (first relief well) currently testing the BOP and performing maintenance; drill depth 12,108 ft (no change), below sea floor (17,357 ft below drill floor). (NIC)
 - Drill Rig DDII (second relief well) conducting maintenance and will hold operations and await results of the DDIII relief well; drill depth 10,961 ft (no change) below sea floor, (16,179 ft below drill floor). (NIC)
 - **Long Term Containment and Disposal Project (CDP)**
 - CDP-1: Standing by. (NIC)
 - CDP-2: Standing by. (NIC)



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- **Subsea Tie-In**
 - Planning and design ongoing. (NIC)
- **Lower Marine Riser Package (LMRP) TOP HAT**
 - Vessel ENTERPRISE standing by with TOP HAT 8. (NIC)
- **Oil/Gas Recovery**
 - No gas or oil recovered/flared 5 Aug.
 - Total oil/gas recovered/flared to date: 827,033 barrels (no change) of oil and 1,863 million cubic ft (no change) of gas. (NIC)
- **Oil Flow**
 - Flow Rate Technical Group (FRTG) estimates oil discharged to date is 3,000,000 – 5,200,000 barrels (no change). (NIC)
- **Oil Landfall**
 - No skimmable oil observed offshore, however shoreline cleanup, boom maintenance and deployment continue in areas along the Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and northern Florida coastlines.
 - **Current amount of shoreline impacted: 649 miles (-0.1 miles) (NIC)**
 - AL: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported. Limited beach cleaning operations 5 Aug due to weather conditions.
 - FL: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported; cleanup continues in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties.
 - LA: (NIC)
 - Currently only sheening found.
 - MS: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported in state of Mississippi; crews continue to cleanup Belle Fontaine Beach, Petit Bois, Cat, and Ship Islands.
 - TX: (NIC)
 - No Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Team operations scheduled.
- **Operations**
 - No In Situ Burns (ISB) conducted 4 Aug. (NIC)
 - Booming/skimming operations continue, weather permitting. (NIC)
 - **Oily water mixture recovered to date: 826,545 barrels (+2 barrels).**
- **Health Concerns**
 - Heat stress remains the primary health concern for response workers. (OHA)
- **Dispersants**
 - No aerial dispersant flights flown 5 Aug. (NIC)
 - Subsea dispersant injection has stopped. (NIC)



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- **Shipping Channels/Ports**
 - All shipping channels/ports remain open in the Gulf Coast Region. (USCG)
 - To date, a total of 6 vessels have required decontamination. (NIC)

- **Assets on Scene:**
 - **Personnel: 31,636 (+175) (NIC)**
 - Boom to date: 11,885,276 ft (no change); 3,594,940 ft containment and 8,290,336 ft sorbent. (UAC)
 - Dispersant to date: 1,843,786 gals (no change), (1,072,514 surface/771,272 subsea) (NIC)
 - **Total vessels assigned: 5,057 (+101) (NIC)**
 - Fixed-wing aircraft: 30 (no change) (NIC)
 - **Helicopters: 58 (-2) (NIC)**

Federal Agencies/Departments

- **US Coast Guard (USCG)**
 - Continuing incident coordination and response activities.

- **Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**
 - Providing flight advisory information to aircraft participating in disaster response and video to track oil plume movement; **mission-hours to date: 1,406.4 (+10.8 hours).**

- **Interagency Remote Sensing Coordination Cell (IRSCC)**
 - Active at the Unified Area Command; managing remote sensing platforms.

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
 - Supporting NIC activities and Federal On-Scene Coordinator.

- **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
 - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service providing wildlife recovery services.

- **Department of Defense (DoD)**
 - 1,708 National Guard members activated in LA, MS, AL, and FL.

- **Department of Energy (DOE)**
 - Assisting Unified Area Command and supporting interagency solutions group.

- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
 - Continuing to sample air, water, sediment, and waste.



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- **Health and Human Services (HHS).**
 - MS Department of Environmental Quality reported low levels of dissolved oxygen in the waters, resulting in fish kills.
 - LA Department of Health and Hospitals plans to submit reopening samples for oyster harvesting areas 2, 3, and 5 to National Seafood Inspection Laboratory 5 Aug.
 - **Total personnel deployed: 38 (-2)**
- **Department of the Interior (DOI)**
 - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) continues to assist with well integrity tests.
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**
 - Weather forecast:
 - **Fri, 6 Aug: Southwest winds 5-8 knots; seas 1 ft.**
 - **Sat, 7 Aug: Southwest winds 5-8 knots; seas 1 ft.**
 - **Sun, 8 Aug: Southwest winds 5-8 knots; seas 1 ft.**
- **Department of State (DOS)**
 - Assisting in coordinating the response to offers for international assistance.
- **Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - Assisting with air traffic control operations, including temporary flight restrictions.

Critical Infrastructure Key Resources (CIKR)

- **National Infrastructure Coordinating Center (NICC)**
 - Continuing to monitor CIKR.

State and Local Agencies

- AL, FL, LA, MS and TX are communicating with DHS daily.

National Operations Center

- Current Posture: Phase 2 - Concern; Crisis Action Team activated.
- **The next SLB will be published at 1100 EDT 9 Aug.**



<p>Media</p> <p><u>NOLA JIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No engagement with national media <p><u>MOBILE JIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media Boat – Dauphin Island (boom recovery) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Week Freelance photographer <p><u>HOUMA JIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Munoz, Hi-Wire, interviewed PA3 Elgammal re: ongoing cleanup work and shot B-roll. Matt Gutman, ABC News, interviewed CDR Claudia Gelzer at Venice Branch docks on early clean up ops, current ops, and any plans to demob. CDR Gelzer provided details of Branch ops and stated command messages that work continues and we have no plans on leaving anytime soon. <p><u>FLORIDA PENINSULAR JIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No engagement with national media 	<p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social media channels covered the apparent successful progress of the “static kill” operation using cement as the next step in sealing the well, followed by the relief well. Continuing across the social media spectrum, the oil spill estimate and the ultimate fate of the oil released into the Gulf was a prominent topic. This included ongoing discussion of the “oil spill budget”. Skeptics do not believe the oil has really dissipated or been totally accounted for in official estimates. Ongoing apprehension is being expressed regarding the safety of seafood from the Gulf region. The long-term plan to ensure Gulf seafood is safe to consume and free of oil and other contaminants is trending broadly. Continuing anxiety over the long term impact of the oil spill on birds, marine life and sensitive ecosystems. As a corollary issue, discussion on the disposal of oil contaminated materials, boom that cannot be cleaned and other waste products.
<p>Administration Wide Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,050 vessels currently, assisting in cleanup efforts Approximately 2.93 million feet of containment boom* and 8.35 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed and approximately 1.01 million feet of containment boom and 3.01 million feet of sorbent boom are available. More than 34.7 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered. Approximately 1.84 million gallons of total dispersant have been applied—1.07 million on the surface and 771,000 sub-sea. Approximately 577,000 gallons are available. 411 controlled burns conducted, removing a total of more than 11.14 million gallons of oil from the open water 17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines. 	<p>Government Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPA/NAACP tour a waste disposal and decontamination facility in Grand Isle, LANGO link was added to the Restore the Gulf website, thus allowing the NGO to reach non-profits. Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Mabus Town Hall in Galveston, TX to discuss the Gulf’s long term economic recovery with elected officials and the general public. Director Thresher, TRICARE Regional Director visit to UAC (Venice Branch) NGO participated in the White House/CEQ Conference Call. Key issues: Oil budget recovery, EPA studies, food safety and USCG updates. Canadian Coast Guard Visit (Cocodrie)



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Key Message/Messages

“Let me state upfront ... we are committed to completing the relief wells, drilling into the annulus and submitting the annulus as the bottom portion of this kill; there is no indication that we have completed this (well kill) with the static kill from the top.”

Adm. Thad Allen

Key Efforts

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Saturday, August 7

0745	TRICARE Director Thresher to visit Vince, LA
1000	SECNAV Town Hall in Bay St. Louis, MS
1300	Director Thresher, TRICARE Regional Director to visit to ICP Houma
1400	SECNAV Town Hall in Ocean Springs, MS
TBD	NAACP Visit (Grand Isle & Port Fourchon)
TBD	Canadian Coast Guard (Overflight)

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Sunday, August 8

TBD	Canadian Coast Guard (Venice)
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Monday, August 9

0600	International Observers Program to visit UAC
1400	Rep. Bonner visit to ICP Mobile for an updated DWH brief with USCG, ADEM and BP

Tuesday, August 10

0600	International Observers Program to visit ICP Houma
0900	BOEM – Director Bromwich Panel in Mobile, AL.
TBD	Branch Jacksonville is coordinating DWH community outreach Q&A meetings with Fernandina Beach and Brevard Counties.
TBD	Branch St. Petersburg LNO will coordinate a phone conference this week with Sarasota County and their local Sierra Club to address wildlife concerns.



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TBD Canadian Coast Guard in New Orleans to be a part of the IOP.
TBD RDML Cari Thomas, Tracen Cape May to visit UAC

Wednesday, August 11

0600 International Observers Program to visit Grand Isle
0900 BOEM – Dir. Bromwich Panel in Pensacola, FL
TBD ADM Allen to visit ICP Mobile or walkthrough and all-hands meeting

Thursday, August 12

0830 Senator Sessions requests a transition plan briefing at ICP Mobile. Staff to attend.
TBD USCG, NIC briefing on the Incident Command Transition Strategy and its impact for Alabama with Senator Sessions (AL) & Staff
TBD ADM Allen to tour Barataria Bay
TBD VADM John Currier, CG Chief of Staff visit to UAC

Friday, August 13

1030 Parish President’s Briefing in Houma

Monday, August 16

TBD VADM Robert Parker, Lantarea to visit UAC

Tuesday, August 17

TBD USCG COMDT visit to Pensacola USCG cutters

Issues/Activities and Status

- Nothing new to report

Trends

- Nothing new to report.

What Others Are Saying

Social Media

Communication Statistics:

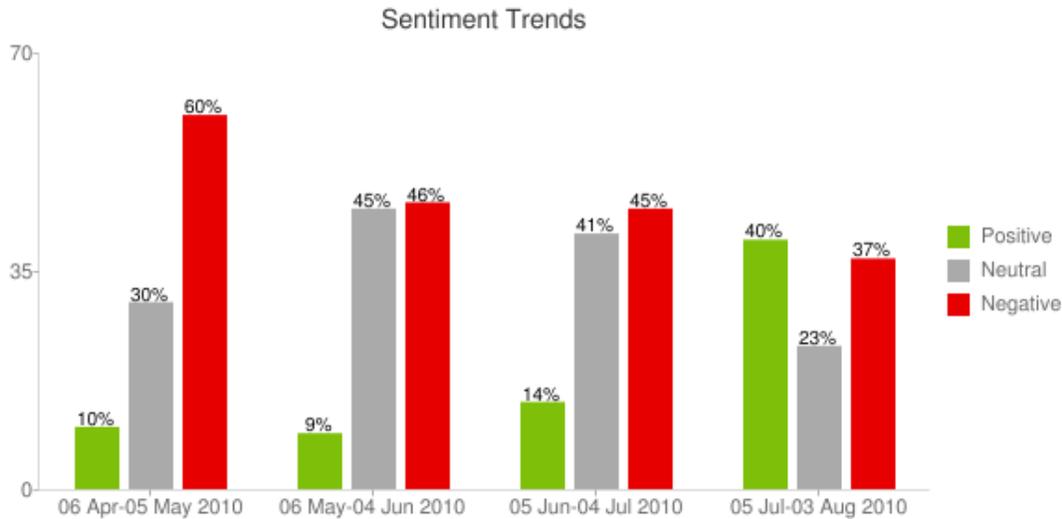
Facebook Followers: 39,390 (-23)



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Twitter Followers: 8,521 (+5): Lists: 727 (+1)
YouTube Views: 2,565,906 (+928): Videos: 130 (+3): Subscribers: 1850 (+8)
Flickr Photos: 1024 (+5): Views: 247,995 (+609)
Total Website Hits: 139,367,766 Daily Website Hits: (375,178)
Total number of opt-ins for SMS new alerts: 6382 (+9)

Sentiment Trends:



Facebook Trends:

- Strong disbelief that the oil has disappeared in what is perceived to be an especially short period of time. Many are very skeptical of the “vanishing oil” reports.
 - Talking points needed to follow up on the “oil budget” release. There is a significant amount of disbelief in the analysis and reports.
- Ongoing concern regarding the safety of seafood in the Gulf region. The long-term plan to ensure seafood is safe to consume and free of oil or other contaminants.
 - Talking points needed to reassure the public and provide detailed information about the methodology, types of tests, and outline of process's along with data results
- The long term commitment to the cleanup is being discussed across Facebook.
 - Talking points needed to reassure public on overall plan for clean up and how it will affect them and the Gulf environment.
 - In particular, restatement of the mission to include long term restoration activities after the “static kill”.
- Chronic apprehension from a small group of vocal commenter’s about dispersants, the amount used and how it will affect the environment and seafood of the Gulf for the long term. This is no longer a “true trend” but rather a repetition of the same fear from basically the same group of followers.
 - Another group of followers are refuting the claims of the group mentioned above.

Twitter Trends:

- The progress in using cement in the “static kill” tactic, as the next step in plugging the Deepwater Horizon well leak, followed by the relief well.
- Discussion of the series in the NYT on safety issues on board Deepwater Horizon preceding, during and after the explosion.

Blog Trends:

- Blogs covered the apparent successful progress of the “static kill” operation in sealing the well with cement.



- Concern over the safety of Gulf seafood.
- Bloggers argued about the oil spill estimate and the ultimate fate of the oil released into the Gulf. This included the oil spill "budget". Skeptics do not believe the oil has really dissipated.
- Ongoing worry for the long term impact of the oil spill on birds, marine life and sensitive ecosystems.

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Media Analysis

As part of the media interest in the overall cleanup efforts and the veracity of the oil left on the gulf waters, other news outlets have directed their attention to the management of the oil waste. There seems to be community concern as to the environmental impact of depositing oil waste in landfills throughout the affected Gulf States. Also media has reported on the scaling down of the leak response and shifting to cleanup operations. Nonetheless, particular media attention has been placed on BP statements on future drilling near the Macondo well. Other continued focus by national media as well as social media and blogs is the continued discussion of the use of dispersants and the reliability of studies since scientists from both sides are making claims.

Media Review

Trashing tarballs on the Gulf: Is there a better way than dumping it?

By Derrick Ho, Special to CNN August 6, 2010 10:45 a.m. EDT (CNN) -- When Mississippi attorney Tim Holleman was approached by furious community officials in Gulfport to stop BP and its contractor from dumping tar balls and oil-stained byproducts into a local landfill, he sent out an e-mail asking if there were alternatives to deal with the waste. <http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/08/05/oil.recycle/>

Tar balls continue to wash ashore in Hancock County

Posted: Aug 05, 2010 11:09 PM EDT Thursday, August 5, 2010 11:09 PM EST Updated: Aug 06, 2010 10:02 AM EDT By Jessica Bowman HANCOCK COUNTY, MS (WLOX) - Tar balls are still washing up on the beaches of Hancock County. Some boaters think those tar balls are coming from what they say is oil in the Bay of St. Louis. But some local officials maintain what those fisherman saw is sea foam, not oil. <http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=12935739>

BP cleanup efforts missed thousands of tar balls, USF researchers say

By Emily Nipps, Times Staff Writer Posted: Aug 06, 2010 10:23 AM University of South Florida researchers are rebutting BP claims that beaches hit by oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill are clean, noting evidence of tar balls and buried oil along miles of sand in north Florida and Alabama. <http://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/bp-cleanup-efforts-missed-thousands-of-tar-balls-usf-researchers-said/1113562>

BP removing oil-blocking booms from Alabama coast; locals complain about lack of information

Associated Press 08/06/10 1:21 PM PDT MOBILE, ALA. — With the Gulf gusher capped and little oil washing ashore in Alabama, BP said Friday it has removed more than 80,000 feet of oil-blocking boom from state waters, but not everyone is happy with the turn of events. <http://www.sfexaminer.com/economy/bp-removing-oil-blocking-booms-from-alabama-coast-locals-complain-about-lack-of-information-100144719.html>

Lasting Impact Of Dispersants Unclear, Senate Told

by Christopher Joyce Scientists told a Senate panel today that the chemical dispersants BP poured into the Gulf of Mexico to dilute the oil from its ruptured well seem to have disappeared.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128983162&ft=1&f=1007>



Chemical dispersants used in gulf oil spill don't hurt seafood safety, FDA says

By Lyndsey Layton Washington Post Staff Writer Friday, August 6, 2010; 11:38 AM

Chemical dispersants sprayed into the Gulf of Mexico to break up the massive oil spill from the Deepwater Horizon disaster do not appear to threaten the safety of seafood in the affected waters, the Food and Drug Administration said this week.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/08/06/AR2010080603185.html>

Rep. Nadler Cites Doubts About EPA Tests On Oil Dispersants

By Siobhan Hughes Of DOW JONES NEWSWIRES WASHINGTON -(Dow Jones)- Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D, N.Y.), citing "public skepticism" about recently released Environmental Protection Agency tests that found dispersants mixed with oil are no more harmful than oil itself, is asking the agency for more information. <http://english.capital.gr/news.asp?id=1026012>

BP Done Pumping Cement Into Well New York Times,

August 6, 2010 HOUSTON - For more than three months, an oil-weary nation has waited for the moment when engineers would begin pumping cement into BP's runaway well, in hopes of plugging its flow for good. That moment arrived quietly on Thursday, with cement following the tons of mud already poured into the well in the operation called a static kill. Because no significant amount of oil has leaked since the well was tightly capped on July 15, the start of the cementing was almost anticlimactic. BP did not even hold its regular daily briefing, saying that Kent Wells, the senior vice president who usually explains the technical details to reporters, was traveling. When the cement operation was completed in the afternoon, the company put out a brief announcement. Television newscasts, for months fixated on the spectacle of oil gushing from the broken riser pipe on live underwater video, barely covered the transition. Thad W. Allen, the retired Coast Guard admiral who heads the federal spill response effort, told reporters at the government's midday briefing that once the cement job was completed, "We can all breathe a little easier." He added, "This is not the end, but it will virtually assure us there will be no chance of oil leaking into the environment."

FDA Finds Low Risk Of Dispersants On Seafood

Associated Press, August 6, 2010 WASHINGTON - The Food and Drug Administration says chemical dispersants used to break up oil in the Gulf of Mexico have a low potential for accumulating in seafood, and do not pose a public health concern. The agency issued that analysis in a letter to Rep. Ed Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat who chairs the House energy and environment subcommittee. Markey released the letter Thursday. The FDA says the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is conducting further studies on exposure of seafood to dispersants. Markey calls the FDA's analysis a "great first step" in restoring public confidence in Gulf seafood. But he cautions that questions still remain about the long-term effect of the chemicals on the marine food chain.

Consumers Still Skittish About Gulf Seafood

NPR, August 6, 2010 The oil well's essentially been plugged. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has reopened large swaths of Gulf Coast waters to fishing. And the Food and Drug Administration said last week that fish from specific state waters are safe to eat. So why aren't people eating it? "It's a perception challenge more than anything else," seafood promoter Ewell Smith told Morning Edition Host Steve Inskeep today. Our survey and those of others concur.

Can Louisiana's Seafood Industry Be Saved?

New Orleans Times-Picayune, August 6, 2010 Commercial fishing reopened in areas east of the Mississippi River last week, but St. Bernard Parish shrimper Jerome Ronquille expects it'll be a long time before he ventures out again to trawl the marshes outside of Hopedale. "We've got the best seafood in the country, but I don't trust my own product right now," Ronquille said on a recent afternoon in Hopedale, just off a BP-paid shift patrolling for oil. "We don't want to make other people feel sick." At the other end of Bayou la Loutre in Shell Beach, Darrell Pecar and George Barisich were preparing for their first day back on the water, but they're facing fundamental roadblocks: No one is making ice, and no dock in lower St. Bernard is buying shrimp. "You have a lot of local people who want them, but the processors that we do business with are not buying," Barisich said. "If the processor says 'no' and this



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dealer says 'no,' then that means 'no' to me." More than three months of fishing closures after the BP oil spill in the Gulf have brought southeast Louisiana's seafood industry to a near standstill. But even as the first reopenings are announced after federal and state testing showed the seafood is safe, reviving the supply is proving to be a slow process fraught with doubt and practical problems facing fishers and suppliers up the chain.

Mexican Guest Workers, Laid Off, Want BP's Help

New York Times, August 6, 2010 NEW ORLEANS - Soon after the oil from the Deepwater Horizon began gushing into the Gulf of Mexico, business at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., dried up - and so did the jobs of five Mexican housekeepers who were guest workers at the hotel under contracts guaranteeing them work until Nov. 1. "On June 30, they told us our jobs were over, and that we had to leave our housing and go back to Mexico," Salvador Luna Espinoza, one of the housekeepers, said in a telephone interview conducted with a translator. "I'm staying with friends now, but I don't know how long they'll put up with me."

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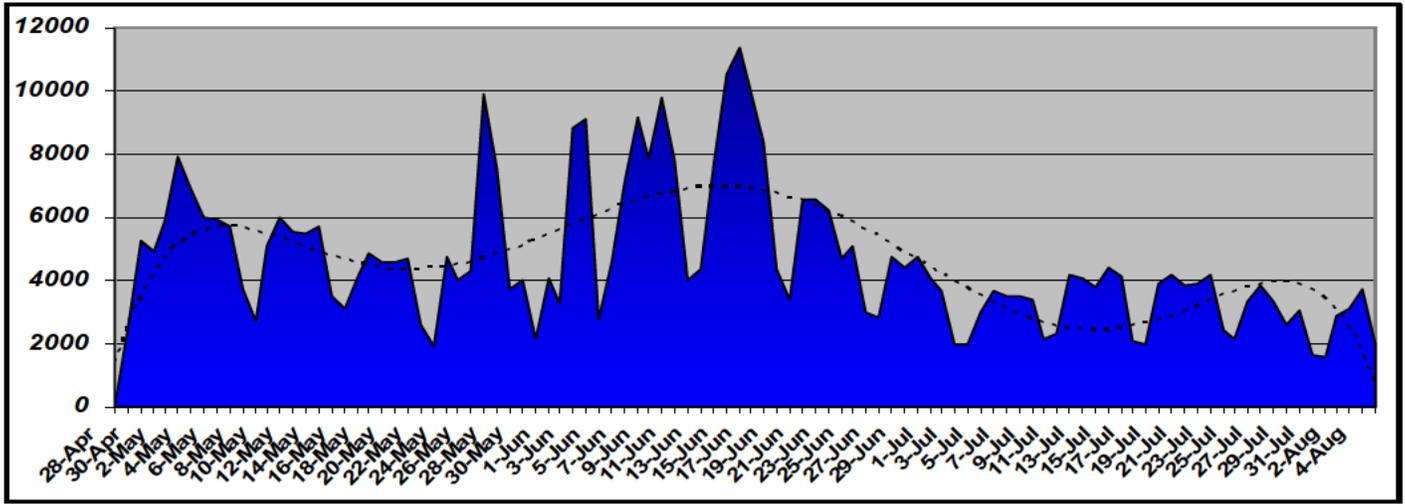
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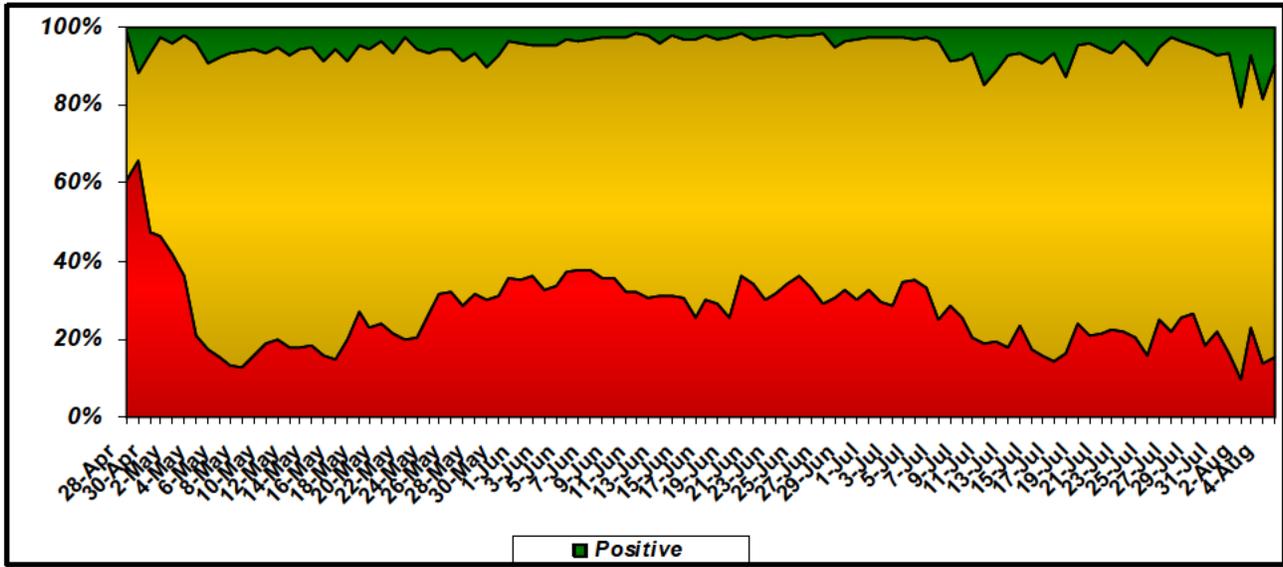


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Article Volume Over Time



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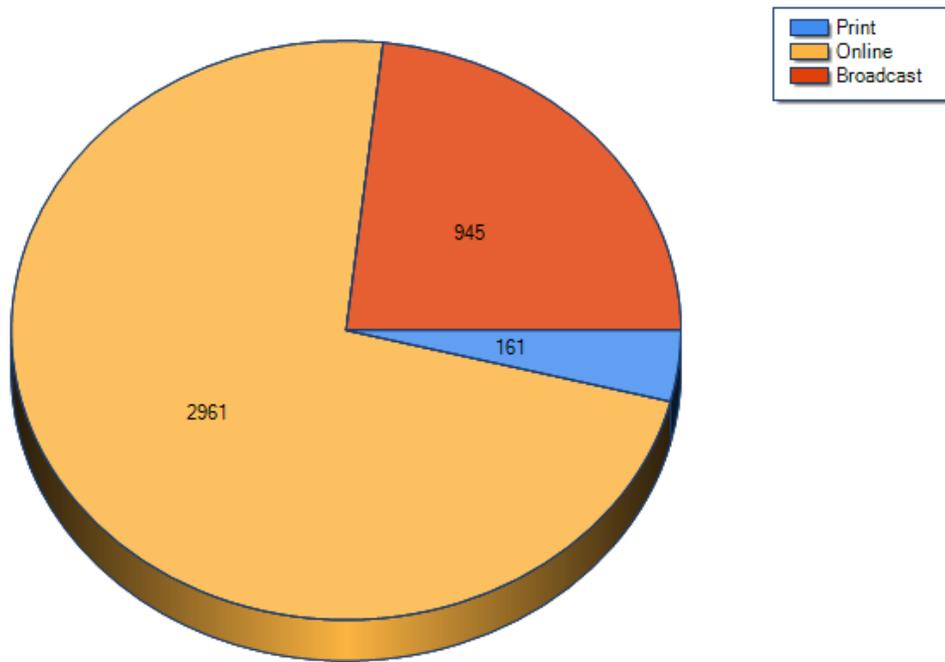




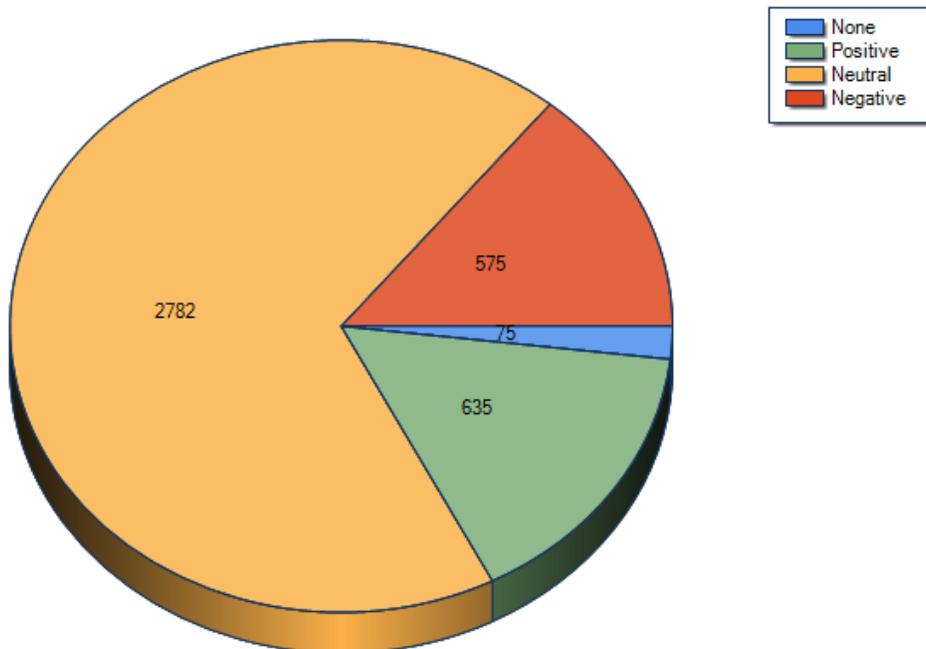
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24-HOUR SUMMARY

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PAST 24 HOURS

Admiral Allen Provides an Update on the BP Oil Spill Response

National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen provided a briefing to inform the American public and answer questions on the administration-wide response to the BP oil spill. Admiral Allen reiterated the Administration's commitment to drilling the relief well to ensure that the well is permanently sealed and provided an estimated timeline for its completion. A full transcript is available [here](#).

Carol Browner Meets with Community Leaders in St. Petersburg

Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Carol Browner hosted a roundtable meeting with community leaders at the Enoch Davis Center in St. Petersburg, Fla., to discuss the impacts of the BP oil spill. Browner is one of the senior Administration officials overseeing the Gulf oil spill response and a former Florida Secretary of the Environment.

Secretary Mabus Holds a Town Hall Meeting in Galveston

Continuing his fourth trip to the Gulf Coast, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus hosted a town hall meeting in Galveston, Texas—part of a weeklong series of meetings held throughout the Gulf Coast. The town hall meetings are open to the public and media, and will provide residents an opportunity to discuss long-term economic and environmental restoration ideas with the Secretary. This week, Mabus has already hosted meetings in Alabama, Florida and Louisiana.

President Obama charged Secretary Mabus with developing a long-term Gulf Coast Restoration Plan. The plan will consider economic development, community planning, restoration of the ecosystem and environment, public health efforts and assistance to individuals and businesses impacted by the spill in the Gulf.



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FWS Personnel Continue Wildlife Rescue and Recovery Missions Across the Region

From the Houma, La., Incident Command Post, 294 field personnel, 106 vessels and three helicopters participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions. From the Mobile, Ala., Incident Command Post, wildlife recovery teams responded to 29 calls on the Wildlife Hotline. To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.

Shoreline Cleanup Operations Continue Along the Gulf Coast

As part of continued efforts to protect wildlife and wildlife habitats from the impacts of the BP oil spill, FWS and National Parks Service cleanup crews continued shoreline cleanup operations at Gulf Islands National Seashore, removing 15,200 pounds of oil debris in Mississippi—including Horn Island, Petit Bois, Cat Island and Ship Island—and 5,994 pounds of debris in the Perdido, Fort Pickens and Santa Rosa areas of Florida.

Approved SBA Economic Injury Assistance Loans Surpass \$18.7 Million

SBA has approved 221 economic injury assistance loans to date, totaling more than \$18.7 million for small businesses in the Gulf Coast impacted by the BP oil spill. Additionally, the agency has granted deferments on 787 existing SBA disaster loans in the region, totaling more than \$4.3 million per month in payments. For information on assistance loans for affected businesses, visit the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, call (800) 659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Administration Continues to Oversee BP's Claims Process; More than \$300 Million

The administration will continue to hold the responsible parties accountable for repairing the damage, and repaying Americans who've suffered a financial loss as a result of the BP oil spill. To date, 143,720 claims have been opened, from which more than \$308 million have been disbursed. No claims have been denied to date. There are 1,258 claims adjusters on the ground. To file a claim, visit www.bp.com/claims or call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118. Additional information about the BP claims process and all available avenues of assistance can be found at www.disasterassistance.gov.



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By the Numbers to Date:

The administration has authorized the deployment of 17,500 National Guard troops from Gulf Coast states to respond to this crisis; currently, 1,552 are active.

Approximately 31,600 personnel are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines.

More than 5,050 vessels are currently responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.

Approximately 2.93 million feet of containment boom* and 8.35 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed to contain the spill—and approximately 1.01 million feet of containment boom and 3.01 million feet of sorbent boom are available.

More than 34.7 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.

Approximately 1.84 million gallons of total dispersant have been applied—1.07 million on the surface and 771,000 sub-sea. Approximately 577,000 gallons are available.

411 controlled burns have been conducted, efficiently removing a total of more than 11.14 million gallons of oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife. Because calculations on the volume of oil burned can take more than 48 hours, the reported total volume may not reflect the most recent controlled burns.

17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines.

Approximately 658 miles of Gulf Coast shoreline is currently oiled—approximately 378 miles in Louisiana, 113 miles in Mississippi, 75 miles in Alabama, and 92 miles in Florida. These numbers reflect a daily snapshot of shoreline currently experiencing impacts from oil so that planning and field operations can more quickly respond to new impacts; they do not include cumulative impacts to date, or shoreline that has already been cleared.

Approximately 57,539 square miles of Gulf of Mexico federal waters remain closed to fishing in order to balance economic and public health concerns. Approximately 76 percent remains open. Details can be found at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.

To date, the administration has leveraged assets and skills from numerous foreign countries and international organizations as part of this historic, all-hands-on-deck response, including Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, the United Nations' International Maritime Organization, the European Union's Monitoring and Information Centre, and the European Maritime Safety Agency.



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*The decrease in boom numbers is due to the continued recovery of displaced boom. Once recovered, this boom must be decontaminated, repaired, inspected, and certified before being staged or redeployed. New boom is being deployed in some areas.

Resources:

For information about the response effort, visit www.RestoreTheGulf.gov.

For specific information about the federal-wide response, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/deepwater-bp-oil-spill>.

To contact the Deepwater Horizon Joint Information Center, call (713) 323-1670.

To volunteer, or to report oiled shoreline, call (866) 448-5816. Volunteer opportunities can also be found here.

To submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity skimming system, or to submit alternative response technology, services, or products, call 281-366-5511.

To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.

For information about validated environmental air and water sampling results, visit www.epa.gov/bpspill.

For National Park Service updates about potential park closures, resources at risk, and NPS actions to protect vital park space and wildlife, visit <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/oil-spill-response.htm>.

For Fish and Wildlife Service updates about response along the Gulf Coast and the status of national wildlife refuges, visit <http://www.fws.gov/home/dhoilspill/>.

For daily updates on fishing closures, visit <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

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In addition, www.disasterassistance.gov has been enhanced to provide a one-stop shop for information on how to file a claim with BP and access additional assistance—available in English and Spanish.



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All emails sent by "Richard Windsor" were sent by EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson

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Any members of the press who encounter response personnel restricting their access or violating the media access policy set forth by Admiral Allen should contact the Joint Information Center. [Click here](#) for more information, including a list of regular embed opportunities.



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LOOP CURRENT

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Loop Current Location Relative to Oil Slick

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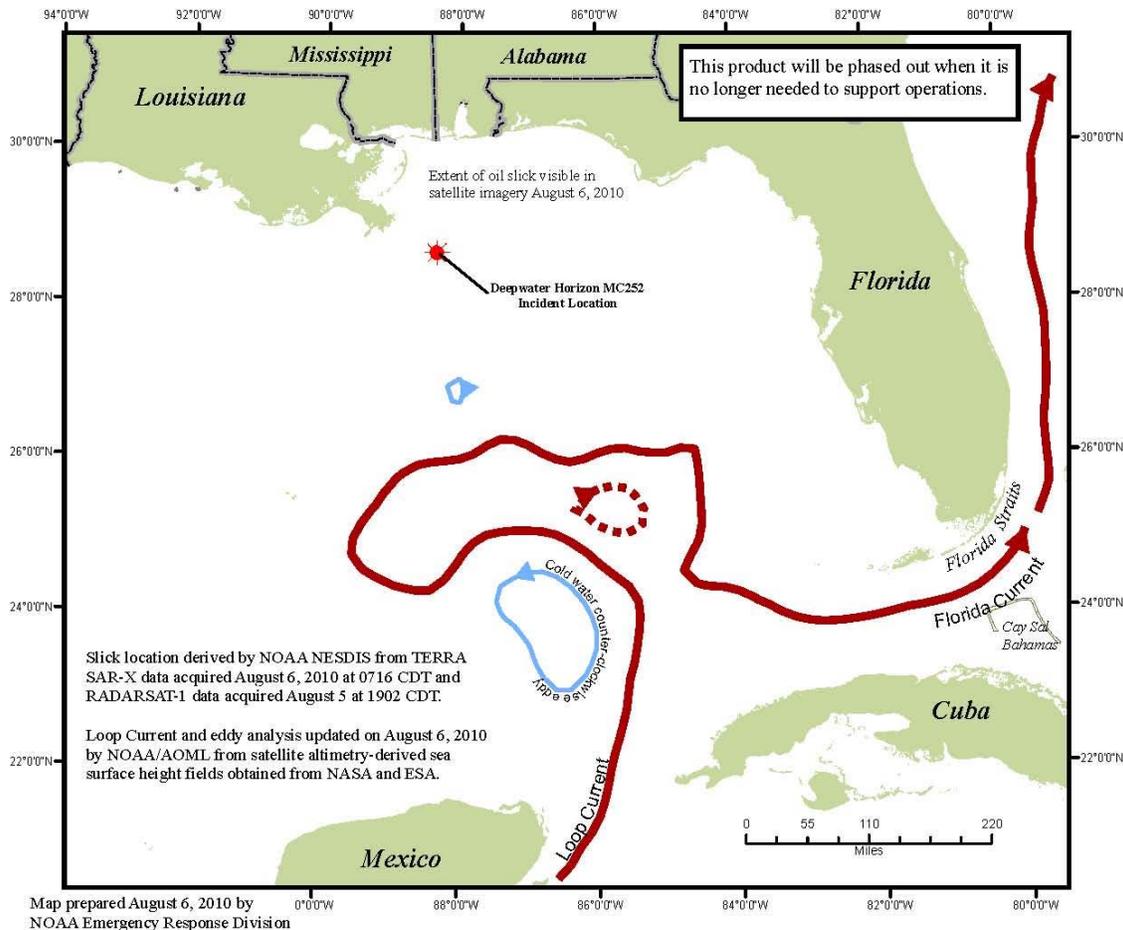


The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is closely monitoring the Deepwater Horizon MC252 (BP oil spill) slick's proximity to the Loop Current in the Gulf of Mexico.

- The Loop Current is an area of warm water that comes up from the Caribbean, flowing past the Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico) and into the Gulf of Mexico.
- It generally curves east across the Gulf and then flows south parallel to the west Florida coast; there it becomes the Florida Current as it moves through the Florida Straits, joins the Gulf Stream and travels up the Atlantic Coast, veering progressively farther away from the coast.
- Sometimes the northern part of the Loop Current separates from the main Loop Current, forming a large rotating region of water, known as an eddy.
- There are also smaller eddys that form along the edges of the Loop Current.

Both the location of the Loop Current and location of the oil slick are dynamic and constantly changing. The present location of the oil is identified daily through analysis of satellite imagery, observer overflights and advanced technology on aircraft. This information is also keeping us informed of how far away the oil is from the Loop Current each day. If oil from the spill enters the Loop Current, it would take at least a few days or more to reach the Florida Straits. During this transit time, the natural processes of evaporation and dispersion would reduce the oil volume significantly, and make it less toxic. The remaining oil would be mostly in the form of tarballs.

The figure below, depicts the present location of the Loop Current and the location of the Deepwater Horizon well. There has been no indication of oil in or near the Loop Current for over seven weeks, the well has not released any significant oil since July 15 and there has been no oil observed on the water surface for a number of days; therefore, at present there is no risk of the Loop Current transporting oil. NOAA will continue to monitor the situation daily until further notice.





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FISHERIES STATUS

Southeast Fishery Bulletin

National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701-5505

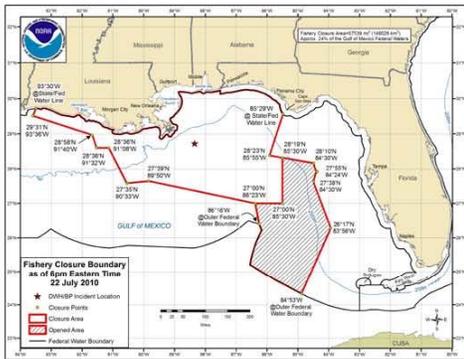
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BP Oil Spill: NOAA Re-opens Previously Closed Portions of the Gulf of Mexico to Commercial and Recreational Fishing

Effective **July 22, 2010 at 6 p.m. eastern time** (5 p.m. central time), NOAA will reopen 26,388 square miles (68,345 sq km) of area it had previously closed to commercial and recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico in response to the BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill. All commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in the remaining closed area; however, transit through the area is allowed.

observed in the northeastern Gulf was projected to enter the loop current and move south. Since mid-June, NOAA data has shown no oil in the area, and United States Coast Guard observers flying over the area in the last 30 days have also not seen any oil. Trajectory models show the area is at a low risk for future exposure to oil. NOAA collected 52 samples of fish from this area, including commercially and recreationally important species. Sensory testing showed no detectable oil or dispersant odors or flavors in the samples, and the results of chemical analysis were well below levels of concern.



Map Link:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/deepwater_horizon/BP_OilSpill_FisheryClosureMap_072210.pdf

The closed area now measures 57,539 sq mi (149,026 sq km) and covers about 24% of the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone. Before the southern area was re-opened, 83,927 miles (217,371 sq km), or roughly 35% of federal waters of the Gulf, were closed to fishing. NOAA will continue to evaluate the need for fisheries closures based on the evolving nature of the spill and will re-open closed areas as appropriate.

The re-opened area was originally closed as a precaution, because light oil sheen that had been

NOAA continues to work closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the states to ensure seafood safety, by closing fishing areas where tainted seafood could potentially be caught, and assessing whether seafood is tainted or contaminated to levels that pose a risk to human health. NOAA and FDA are working together to sample seafood from inside and outside the closure area, as well as dockside- and market-based sampling.

The closed area is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following coordinates:

North latitude	West longitude
At state/federal line	85° 29'
28° 23'	85° 55'
28° 19'	85° 30'
27° 00'	85° 30'
27° 00'	86° 23'
27° 39'	89° 50'
27° 35'	90° 33'
28° 36'	91° 08'
28° 36'	91° 32'
28° 58'	91° 40'
29° 31'	93° 36'
At the state/federal line	93° 30'
Follow the state/federal water line easterly to beginning point	



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Reminders

Modeling and mapping the actual and projected spill area is not an exact science. NOAA Fisheries Service strongly advises fishermen not to fish in areas where oil or oil sheens (very thin layers of floating oil) are present, even if those areas are not currently closed to fishing.

If state waters are closed to fishing due to the oil spill, all vessels must comply with that closure. If state waters

Ways to Receive Closure Information:

- Sign up for Southeast Fishery Bulletins: send an email to: SERO.Communications.Comments@noaa.gov
- Call 1-800-627-NOAA (1-800-627-6622) to hear a recording of the current coordinates (with messages in Spanish and Vietnamese)
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for updates
- Sign up for text messages on your cell phone: text fishing@gulf to 84469 (for more information, visit <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/558107>)
- Follow us on Twitter: usnoagov to get a tweet when the closed area changes

are not closed to fishing due to the oil spill, federally permitted vessels may fish in those waters while abiding by all other applicable regulations.

Permit holders are reminded to maintain their federal vessel permits by submitting timely reporting requirements and renewal applications, even if the vessel is not currently engaged in fishing activities.

Links for more information:

Southeast Regional Office's Web page:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm

NOAA's National Ocean Service

<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov>

Deepwater Horizon Response

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call 1-800-440-0858.



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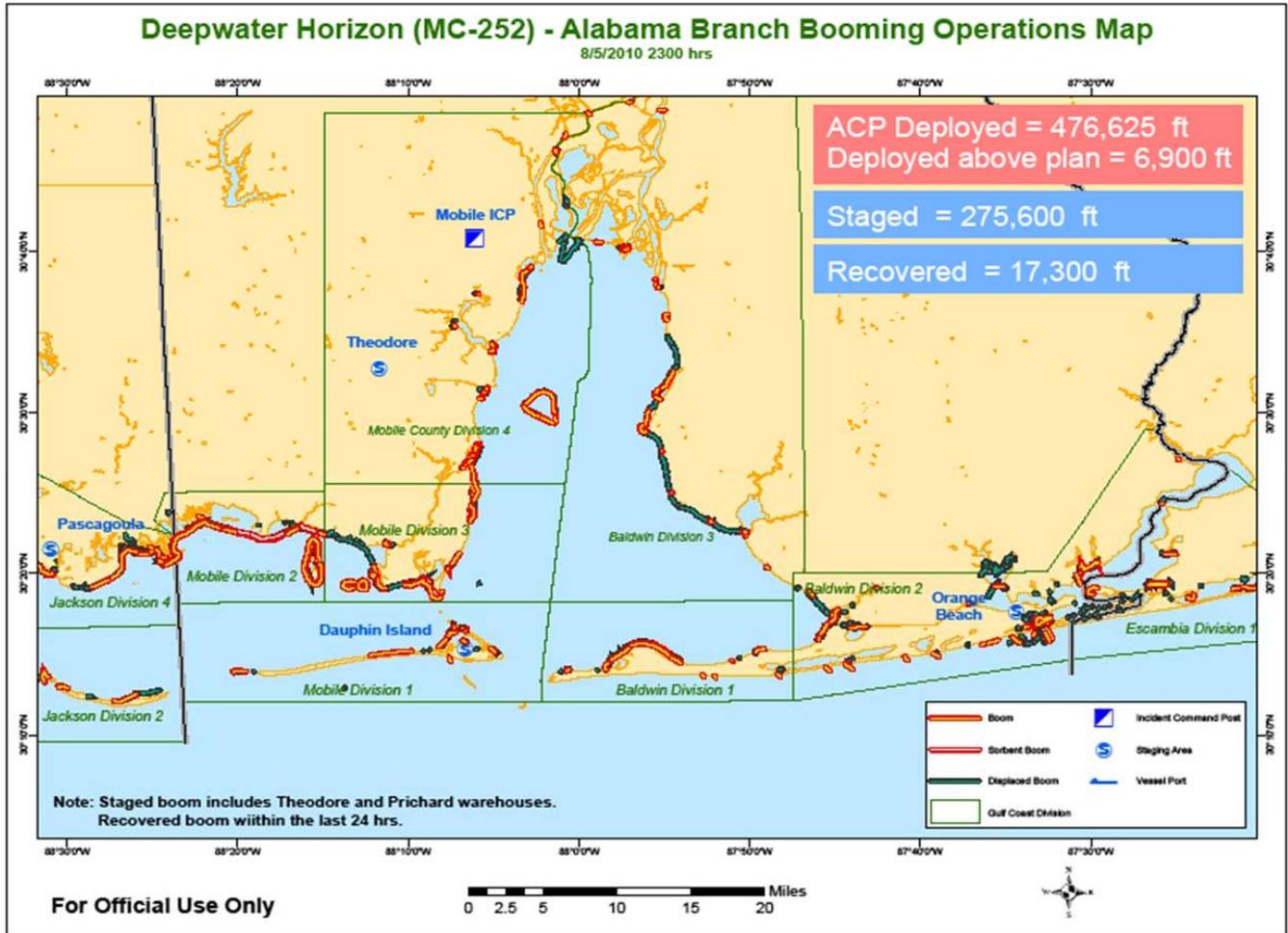


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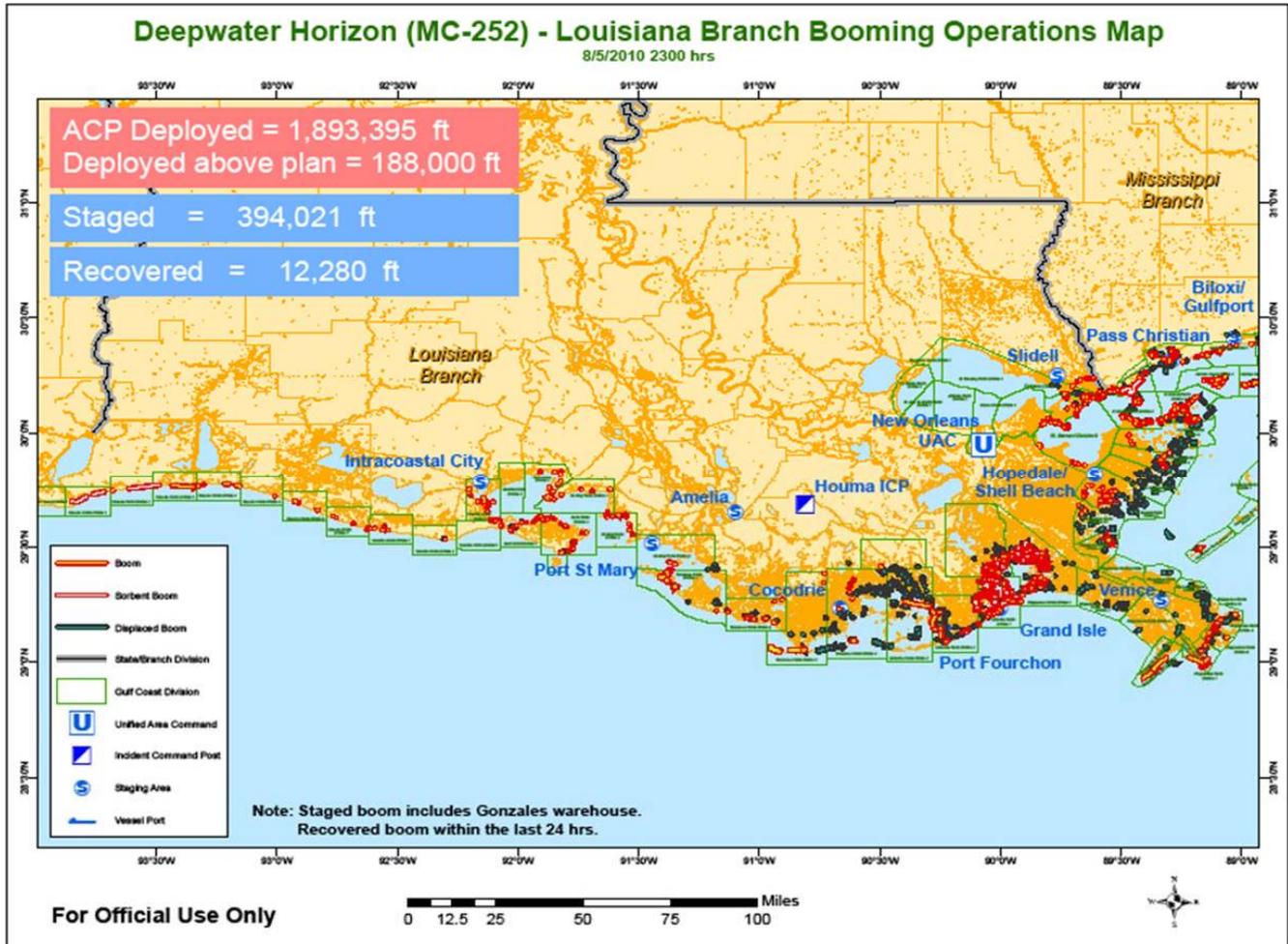
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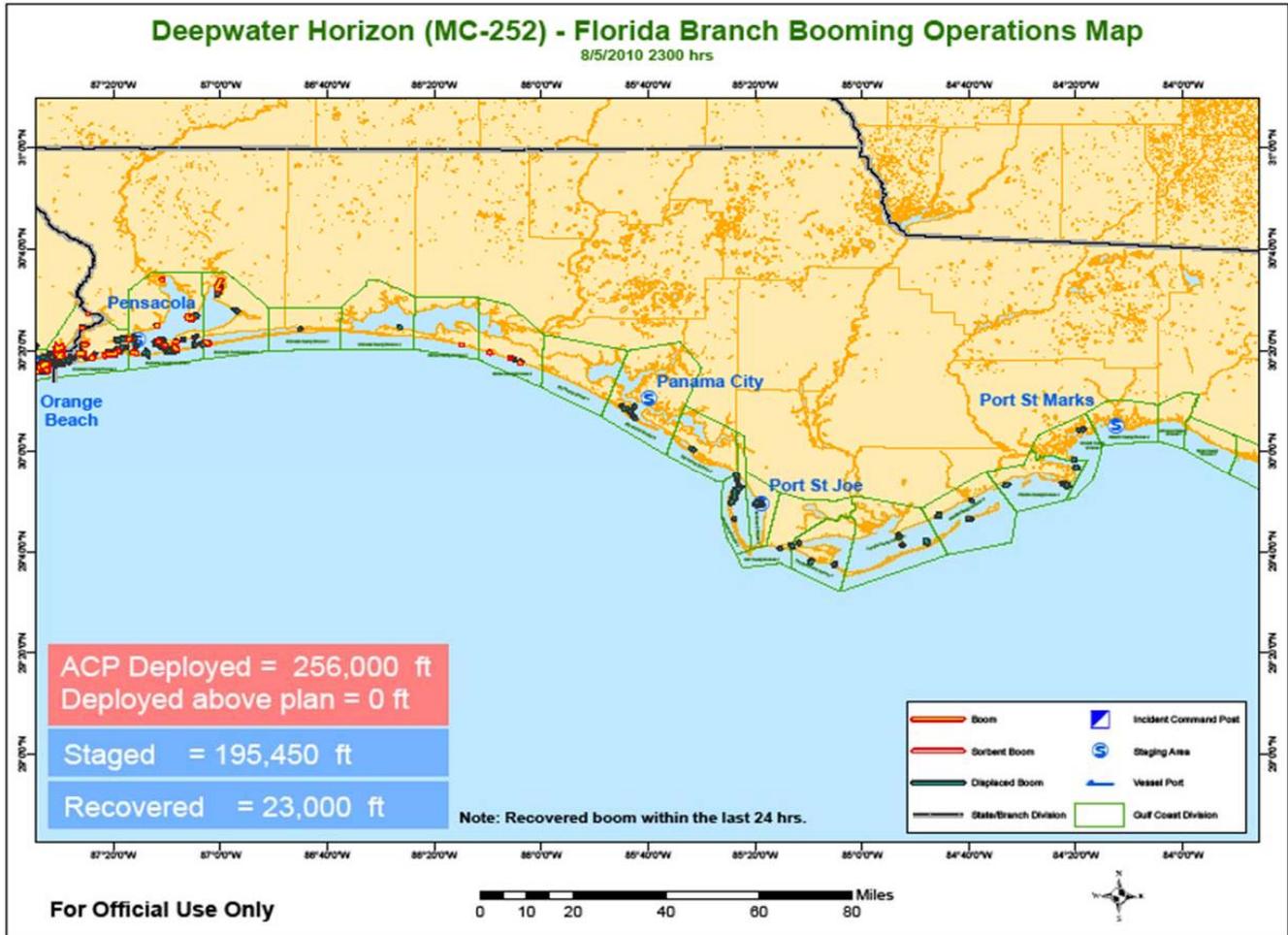
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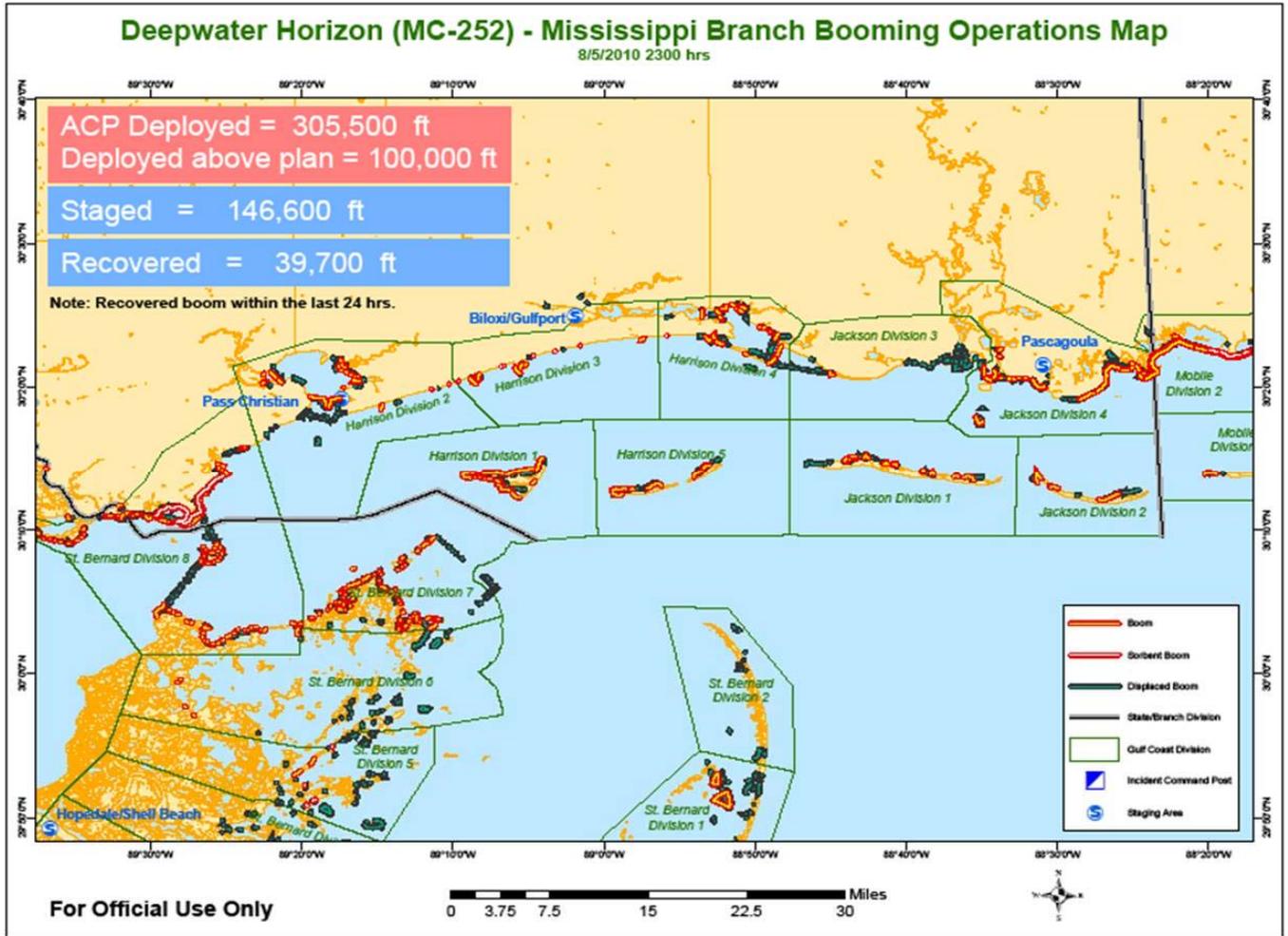
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Nearshore Surface Oil Forecast Deepwater Horizon MC252

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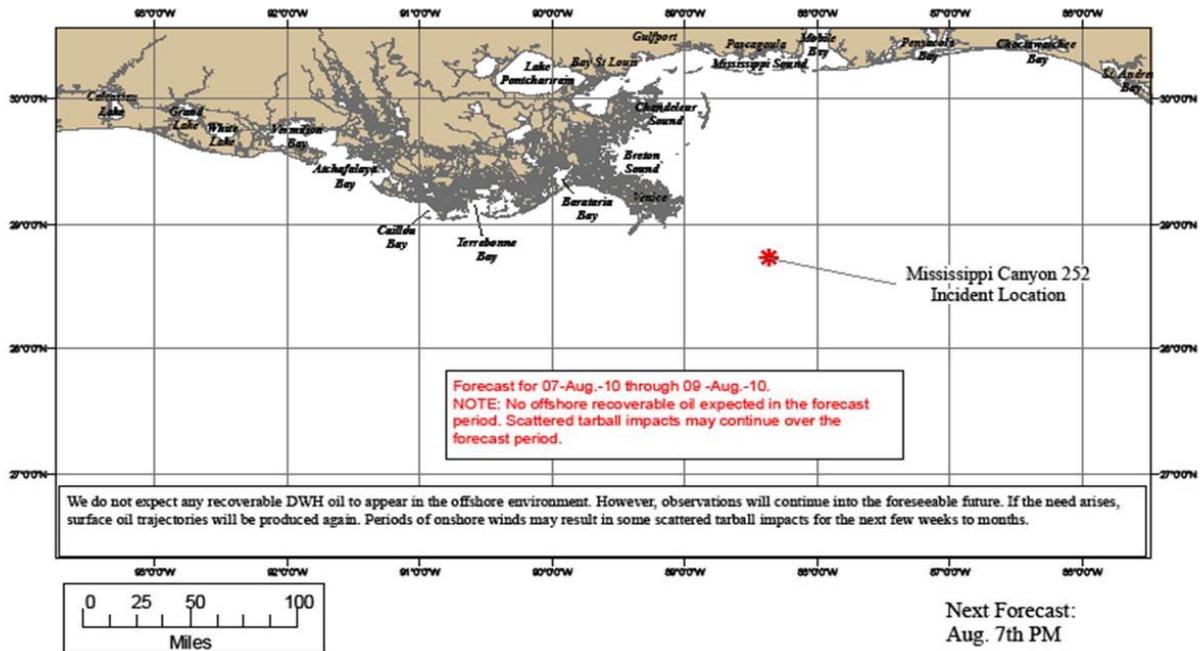
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Estimate for: 1200 CDT, 8/07/10 through 8/09/10

Date Prepared: 2000 CDT, Friday, 8/06/10



No recoverable oil has been reported by daily overflights since July 30. Daily satellite analyses have indicated a decreasing number of possible oil anomalies since the well has been capped, and the anomalies have been decreasing in size. Since July 30, overflights have indicated the satellite anomalies have been a result of seaweed and sheens which are not recoverable.





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Good Morning Admiral Allen,

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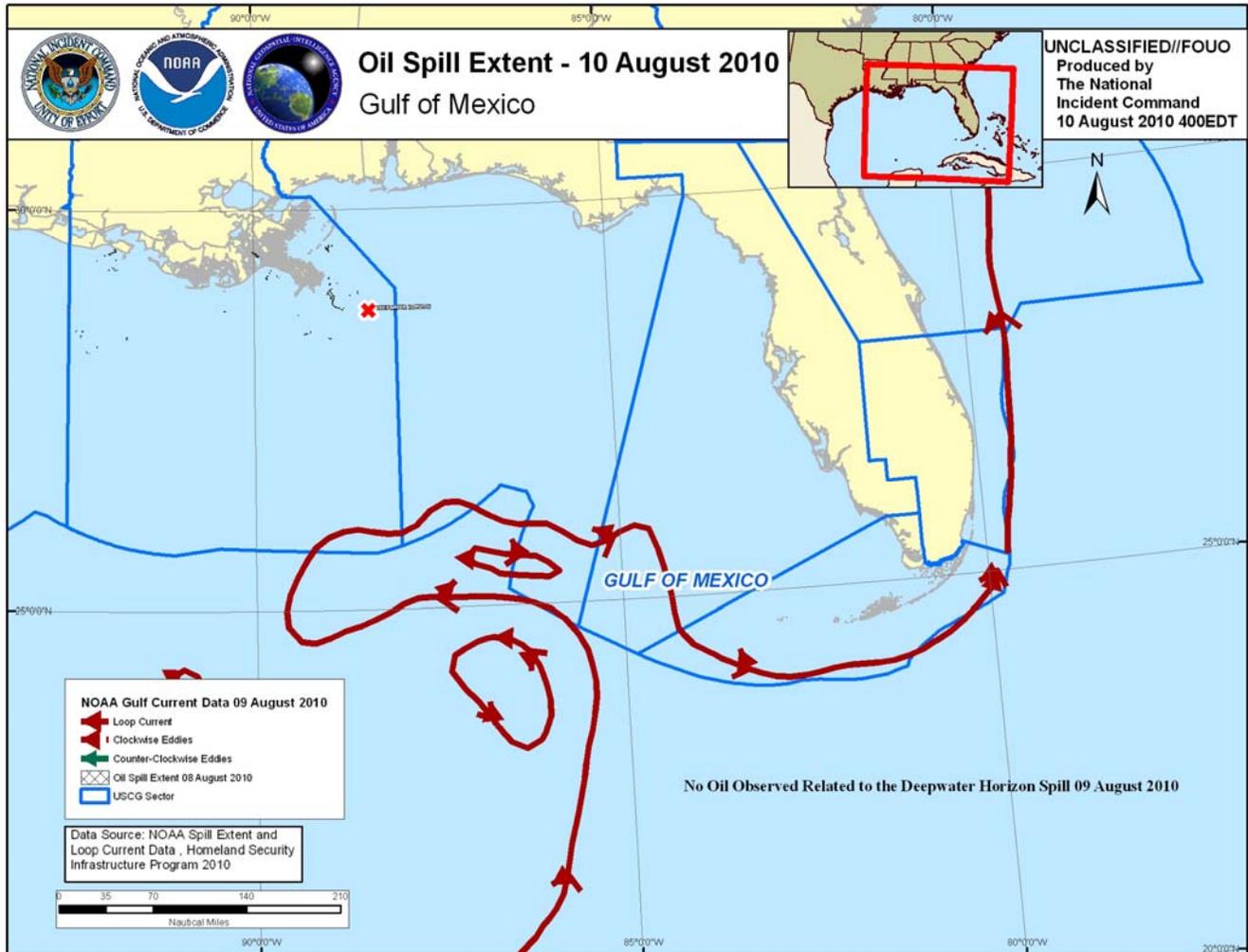




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National Incident Commander Objectives:

1. Establish and manage a coordinated interagency response effort to effectively employ all resources required to mitigate current and long term environmental and economic impacts of the incident.
2. Engage and inform the public, stakeholders and the media, keeping them apprised of response activities and plans.
3. Engage across all levels of government to develop courses of action for issues that span multiple agencies and departments.

Unified Area Command Objectives:

1. Ensure the safety and welfare of citizens and response personnel.
2. Control the source of the spill.
3. Continue to contain, recover, and dispose of spilled material.
4. Continue to maximize use and availability of advanced source control and response technologies.
5. Continue to maximize the protection, assessment, and response to environmentally, sensitive areas and wildlife risk.
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7. Minimize social, political, economic, and environmental impacts.
8. Continue to optimize critical resource utilization and effectiveness from all agencies and organizations across all response areas.
9. Ensure sustainability by conducting strategic planning to address long-range planning concerns; including worst case scenarios, contingencies, resources, logistics, and potential gaps.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST OPERATIONAL PERIOD: (UAC Sit Exec Sum 09 August)

- Well Integrity:
 - Continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
- DD III Relief Well:
 - Pull out of hole
 - Perform ranging run #15
 - Run in hole and drill 30'
- Static Kill:
 - Continue monitoring well integrity
- DD II, Enterprise, and Helix Producer – on stand by

WEATHER: (NOAA Spot Forecast 0300EDT 10 August)

Date	Wind (kts)	Sea State	Seas (ft)	Rain (%)
Tuesday 10 August – Day	NE 10-13	Choppy	2 FT	20
Tuesday 10 August – Night	NE 10-14	Choppy	3 FT	30
Wednesday 11 August – Day	ESE 14-17	Rough	4 FT	50
Wednesday 11 August - Night	SSE 14-17	Rough	4 FT	50
Thursday 12 August	SSW 14-17	Rough	4 FT	60
Friday 13 August	SW 12-16	Choppy	2 FT	30
Saturday 14 August	SW 7-10	LT Chop	2 FT	30
Sunday 15 August	W 7-10	LT Chop	2 FT	30

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SOURCE CONTROL: (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

Vessel	0000-2359CDT 07 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	562,104 bbls <small>*includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 22,158 bbls)</small>	1,272.4 million cubic ft of gas <small>* includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 88.4 gas)</small>
Q4000	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	241,187 bbls	534.1 million cubic ft of gas
HELIX PRODUCER I	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	23,742 bbls	~56.5 million cubic ft of gas (estimated due to incorrectly calibrated meter)
Cumulative oil/gas recovered	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	827,033 bbls	~1,863 million cubic ft of gas

- **DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE (DE):** DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE recovered top hat number 8. (Houston Update 1212EDT 07 August)

- **HELIX PRODUCER I:** The HP I was shut-in at 1120CDT 15 July. Standing-by. T-time is 12 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **Q4000:** Successfully completed the cement pumping operations at 1410CDT 05 August. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SEISMIC/ACOUSTIC TESTING:** One seismic run was conducted on 08 August. No seismic runs are scheduled for 09 August. Acoustic Surveys performed by the NOAA BIGELOW will continue through 09 August.(Houston Update 0649EDT 09 August)
- **MONITORING:** Temperature at the casing was 39.6 degrees F. Geophones and “big ears” sensors continue monitoring with data recorded and collected by the BOA SUB C. Geophones will be retrieved every 48 hours to limit interference with ROV operations. Continue to monitor bubbles at base of well. T-time is 1 hour. (Houston Update 1209EDT 09 August)
- **HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN:** Well pressure remains stable, further indicating a successful cement plug. Pressure is declining at 3.5 psi per hour. Three minor leaks that are in the vicinity of capping stack pancake flange with hydrate formations that are being constantly monitored via ROV. (Houston Update 0649EDT 09 August)
- **SUB-SEA DISPERSANT:** Dispersant injections at the BOP were secured at 1417CDT 15 July. No other dispersants used at this time. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC):** No reported VOCs. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SHORT TERM CONTAINMENT:** DE has Top Hat #8 standing by. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 1:** Standing by. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 2:** The FSR 2 inner riser has been completed. Upper riser work scheduled. 1060’ jumper installed. 2900’ jumper is ready but requires 3 vessels to install and to be coordinated around the work over the well. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SUBSEA TIE-IN:** Planning and design work are ongoing for both the Rigel and Na Kika tie-in options. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

RELIEF WELL DATA: (Houston Update 0649EDT 09 August)

	Total Drill Depth (MD=measured or total drilled depth in feet)	Day # of Est. Completion Days	True Vertical Depth (from sea level)	Comments
DD-II	15,961’	64 of 104 (63%)	15,200’	T-Time 105 hrs
DD-III	17,909’	91 of 104 (90%)	17,152’	T-Time 95 hrs

- **DD-II:** 2nd Relief Well- DDII is holding at a depth of 15,961’ (15,200’ TVD) and will hold operations pending results of DDIII relief well. T-time is 105 hours. (Houston Update 1209EDT 09 August)

- **DD-III:** 1st Relief Well- (Day 91/104, 90% complete) Range run #15 is complete. Subsequent findings prove that drilling is on track for interception. Currently tripping in hole with drilling bit to drill another 30', pull out of hole and execute range run #16. Future plans are to trip back into the hole to drill the remaining 30' once ranging run #16 is complete. DDIII is expected to intercept the well bore sometime late 12 August to late 13 August. (Houston Update 0649EDT 08 August)
- **PLUG AND ABANDONMENT (P&A):** Procedures for P&A are being developed for submittal. Current plan is to commence removal of the capping stack and DWH BOP OOA 19 August using Q4000 and DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE. (Houston Update 1209EDT 09 August)

(Houston Update 1133EDT 08 August)

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
Q4000	United States	On-scene	Working with support vessels (BLUE DOLPHIN & HOS CENTERLINE)	Current T-Time 82 hours. Standing by. Shut down as of 1050CDT, 15 July
				Operational T-Time 69 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'; conducting final pressure tests.
GIECO TOPAZ	United States	Platform released 30 July		
NOAA PISCES	United States	Departed area	Seismic Runs	Acoustic Runs
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA HENRY B. BIGELOW	United States	On-scene	Site Monitoring	Acoustic Runs
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA GORDON GUNTER	United States	On-scene	Marine Mammal Research	Conducting marine mammal research
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DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	Marshall Islands	On-scene	Containment	T-time is 49 hours. On site, Top Hat #8 on deck.
				Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
HELIX PRODUCER I	Bahamas	On-scene	Oil Production Will process 20-25,000 bbls of oil/day at the CDP-1 free standing riser. Standing by to receive containment if required	T-time is 12 hours
				Operational T-Time 30 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
LOCH RANNOCH	United Kingdom	On-scene	Shuttle Tanker Hooked up to HP I & planning to receive 115 bbls of oil from HP1 tomorrow 2 Aug	Capacity is 1,000,000 bbls (40 days on station at full HPI production). Total volume on board is 24,628 bbls. T-time 0 hour
DISCOVERER CLEAR LEADER	Marshall Islands	Standing by Ship Shoal Block 363	Containment	On DP stand by at SS363. 3800' flexible on deck. Capacity is 125,000 bbls. T-Time 0 hours
DISCOVERER INSPIRATION	Marshall Islands	Mississippi Canyon Block 467	Demobilizing	Previously landed capping stack, preparing for demobilization

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SKANDI NEPTUNE	Norway	On location	ROV operations; ready for dispersant application if necessary	
MASSACHUSETTS	United States	Moored New Orleans, LA	Shuttle Tank Barge Transfers oil from the DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	
EVI KNUTSEN	Norway	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in area of Loop Anchorage	The tanker will store oil processed by the TOISA PISCES which has no storage capacity Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
NAVION FENNIA	Bahamas	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker	DP trials with TOISA PISCES completed, no discrepancies noted Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
SEILLEAN	Panama	Arrived at Galveston, TX 23 July	Containment USCG inspection team will complete Port State Control Exam prior to depart for MC252	Capacity is 310,000 bbls. Standing by at anchorage offshore Houston-Galveston ship channel. T-time is 0 hours
OVERSEAS CASCADE	United States	Standing by in field	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in the field	On standby in the field. T-time is 0 hours
TOISA PISCES	Liberia	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by for production/containment	The vessel is expected to hook up to the CDP-2 free standing riser to continuously process oil. T-Time 0 hours
SEACOR RIGOROUS	United States	At staging area	Support	Deployed 12" lightering transfer hose that will be used between HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
LA CHEVAL	United States	At staging area	Support	Hose and assist HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
NORMAND FORTRESS	Norway	On location	Construction support Standing by for lightering if needed	Install the pipeline crossing for the 2 subsea pipeline alternatives
WEST SIRIUS	Panama	Standing by at MC 427	Construction support	Install freestanding Riser 2
HOS ACHIEVER	Vanuatu	On-scene	Dispersant Injection	
BOA DEEP C	Spain	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
BOA SUB C	Malta	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
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- **International Offers of Assistance: Private, Government and IMO Facilitated**
 - As of 08 August, the NIC has received 58 offers of assistance from private companies
 - 25 offers were submitted directly by private entities
 - 33 offers were facilitated by foreign governments or the IMO
 - 34 offers were for critical resources, 6 offers have been accepted
- **Domestic Offers of Resources**
 - As of 08 August, the NIC has received 78 domestic offers
 - 20 originated through the Homeport website
 - 9 offers have been accepted
 - 27 offers were for critical resources; none have been accepted

- **Skimmers** (DWH AAG 0700EDT 06 August)

Foreign Skimmers	Domestic Skimmers	Navy Skimmers	Skimmers Freed up by Emergency Rule
49	835	54	27

- As of 08 August, 835 Skimmers now in theatre. Skimmer numbers published on “Deepwater Horizon At A Glance” daily slide.
- State by State listing of all Inshore and Near Shore skimmers now listed in NIC Deepwater Horizon Response “At a Glance” spreadsheet.
- UAC confirms 309 skimmers delivered on 19 July. (UAC 1600EDT 29 July)
- Number of foreign skimmers in theatre recently verified by UAC CRU (1600EDT 29 July).
- **Domestic Sources:**
Homeport website to collect skimmer availability went live on 01 July at 0900.
- **DOD: RFA 78B**
In theater: 23 offshore skimmers, 27 shallow water skimmers, 4 Harbor Busters, and 35 tow boats.

CLEAN- UP/RESPONSE OPERATIONS SHORESIDE: (DWH AAG 0648 EDT 09 August)

	LA	MS	AL	FL	TX	TOTAL
Current Miles of Shoreline Impact	387.1	114.4	75.6	87.7	0	664.8
People Assigned	1,288	915	1,385	1,529	0	5,117

TEXAS:

SHORELINE: No SCAT currently scheduled.

INSHORE: Total recovered to date 117.67 cubic yards of oily solids.

NEARSHORE: NSTR

OFFSHORE: NSTR

LOUISIANA:

OFFSHORE: Currently only sheening found, not suspected to be MC 252 oil.

SHORELINE: Currently Oiled: Heavy to Moderate: 123.6 miles; Light to Trace: 263.5 miles; Total: 387.1 miles.

INSHORE: Currently only light oiling found.

TOTAL BARRELS COLLECTED ONSHORE/NEARSHORE: 178 bbls (0 bbls collected offshore)

MISSISSIPPI:

SHORELINE: Crews responded to light impact of tarballs in Hancock County. Crews continued cleanup on Belle Fontaine Beach, Petit Bois, Cat, Horn, and Ship Islands. Crews conducted night operations on Hancock Beach.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 10.6 miles; Light to trace: total 103.8 miles; Total: 114.4 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom recovery, environmental sampling, wildlife support and tarball collection. Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling for skimmable oil patches/sheen. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

ALABAMA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in Alabama. Beach cleaning machines conducted night operations on Dauphin Island and in Baldwin County. All daytime operations were secured due to severe thunderstorms and lightning at approximately 1330.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 5.1 miles; Light to trace: total 70.5 miles; Total: 75.6 miles.

NEARSHORE: Operations of all Task Forces impacted by weather, VOOs conducted boom recovery, environmental sampling, wildlife support and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling for skimmable oil patches/sheen. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

FLORIDA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in the state of FL; re-oiling reported in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Cleanup crews continued manual cleanup in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties. Crews conducted mechanical beach cleaning in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Crews conducted mechanical/manual cleaning at night in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 2.4 miles; Light to trace: total 85.3 miles; Total: 87.7 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom recovery, environmental sampling, wildlife support and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling for skimmable oil patches/sheen.

Optimization of offshore VOO fleet size continues. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma retains tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

SAFETY/PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NSTR**OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

(NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 2036 EDT 09 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining	\$21,313,992.34
Fed Project Ceiling	\$541,767,579.00
Obligated funds to Date	\$442,756,772.06
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining	\$99,010,806.94

BP CLAIMS SUMMARY: (BP Claims 09 August)

- Total Number of Claims: 145,219
- Total Amount Disbursed: \$324,261,684
- Number of Claims Denied: 0
- Number of Checks Disbursed: 105,887

BP CLAIMS CALL CENTER (Last 24 Hours): (BP Claims 09 August)

- Calls Received: 973
- Call operators: 148
- Checks written: 4,102
- Managers/adjusters in field: 1,256
- Community Offices and Claim Centers: 29

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (IC/AC Sit Briefing 08 August)

- Well Integrity:
 - Continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
 - Seismic runs (2 lines)
- DD III Relief Wells:
 - Run in hole and drill 30 feet
 - Perform ranging run #15
- Static Kill:
 - Monitor wellhead
 - Prepare for flush flow lines to HP1
- DD II, ENTERPRISE, HELIX PRODUCER: On stand by



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NIC STRATEGIC EFFORTS:

- **FRTG Flow Rate Analysis**

On 31 July the Government released new daily estimates of oil flow based on the best available data. Total discharge is estimated at 4.93 million barrels with an uncertainty of +/- 10%. The cumulative range of oil released during the event estimated to be between 4,435,260 and 5,420,820 barrels. The revised estimates that the discharge rates ranged from 62,000 bbl/day at the start of the incident to 53,000 bbl/day when the well was capped on 15 July with an uncertainty factor of $\pm 10\%$. The uncertainty factor in the best government estimate was used to create a Higher Flow Estimate and a Lower Flow Estimate report in the Oil Budget Tool. Based on reports of major explosions and burning oil from the first two days of the incident (20-21 April), the FRTG estimate begins on 22 April. In general, the discharge rate trended down over time due to decreasing pressure observed after the well was capped. Severing the riser on 04 June (Day 45), resulted in an estimate of discharge increase of approximately 4%. The Oil budget Calculator was updated on 31 July using the revised Government flow estimates.

- **International Engagement Strategy**

NIC Strategic Planning staff continues to coordinate with DoS to provide information to countries requesting DWH related information. A Mexican scientific delegation visited the NIC on 04 August. NOAA presentation to the delegation was held at DoS. There were approximately 30 participants including 15 Mexican representatives and others from NOAA, EPA, USGS, BOEM, USCG, and DOS.

- **Hurricane/Severe Weather Contingency Plan**

DWH Severe Weather Contingency Plan (SWCP) revision 5 is available on HSIN. Members can access and distribute as needed. The current plan is digitally searchable.

- **NIC Strategy Implementation**

NIC Strategy Implementation version 3.0 has been signed and is available via HSIN in the Interagency Strategic Planning folder. A draft NIC Strategy Implementation version 4.0 is in progress and is being distributed to IASG for comment.

- **Transition Planning**

The first draft of the NIC Transition Plan is complete and is being forwarded to interagency for review. The NIC functional transition will be driven by conditions and as these conditions are met, they will drive the evolution to a RIC. The RIC will be an interim construct, similar to the NIC yet with reduced functions and authorities. The RIC will continue to provide federal oversight to the ongoing response and recovery efforts.

- **NIC Lessons Learned**

NIC Strategic Planning has developed a NIC focused Lessons Learned and Best Practices Plan. The intent of this plan is to capture lessons learned and best practices from all NIC team members, plans, policies, procedures, and response systems and to incorporate them into LLIS. The NIC Lessons Learned/Best Practices form is available on HSIN on the Deepwater Horizon MC252 home page under national level reports and is also available in the Strategic Plans public folder at \\HQS-nas-t-001\NIC-MS252\NIC-HQ-Strategic-Plans\Strategic Planning Topics\Lessons Learned\LL Plan & Forms (final).



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NOC-PRODUCED SENIOR LEADERSHIP BRIEF

1100 EDT 06 August 2010

The Senior Leadership Brief is updated Monday through Friday only.

Secretary of Homeland Security Priorities

- Ensure Responsible Party (RP) continues efforts to permanently stop the oil leak.
- Ensure all capabilities (government, private, and commercial) and resources are being leveraged to protect the environment and facilitate a rapid, robust cleanup effort.
- Ensure every effort is being made to include and inform the local communities in support of response operations.

Current Situation

- **Oil Stoppage**
 - **Well Integrity Plan**
 - Well Integrity Test ongoing. (NIC)
 - Oil flow remains secured.
 - Continuing to monitor minor BOP leak and hydrate formation.
 - **Due to successful cement application, reporting of capping stack pressure is no longer relevant.**
 - **No seismic runs conducted 5 Aug.**
 - **2 seismic runs planned for 6 Aug.**
 - **Acoustic activities are ongoing.**
 - **Hydrostatic Control Plan:**
 - **Q4000 successfully completed the cement pumping operations at 1510 EDT 5 Aug.**
 - **For the next 24 hours pressure will be applied and a final pressure test will be conducted on 6 Aug, no further well operations planned until then.**
 - Vessel Q4000 started cement pumping operations at 0825 EDT 5 Aug.
 - Vessel Q4000 completed static kill operations with vessels BJ BLUE DOLPHIN and HOS CENTERLINE 4 Aug.
 - **Relief Wells**
 - Drill Rig DDIII (first relief well) currently testing the BOP and performing maintenance; drill depth 12,108 ft (no change), below sea floor (17,357 ft below drill floor). (NIC)
 - Drill Rig DDII (second relief well) conducting maintenance and will hold operations and await results of the DDIII relief well; drill depth 10,961 ft (no change) below sea floor, (16,179 ft below drill floor). (NIC)
 - **Long Term Containment and Disposal Project (CDP)**
 - CDP-1: Standing by. (NIC)
 - CDP-2: Standing by. (NIC)



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- **Subsea Tie-In**
 - Planning and design ongoing. (NIC)
- **Lower Marine Riser Package (LMRP) TOP HAT**
 - Vessel ENTERPRISE standing by with TOP HAT 8. (NIC)
- **Oil/Gas Recovery**
 - No gas or oil recovered/flared 5 Aug.
 - Total oil/gas recovered/flared to date: 827,033 barrels (no change) of oil and 1,863 million cubic ft (no change) of gas. (NIC)
- **Oil Flow**
 - Flow Rate Technical Group (FRTG) estimates oil discharged to date is 3,000,000 – 5,200,000 barrels (no change). (NIC)
- **Oil Landfall**
 - No skimmable oil observed offshore, however shoreline cleanup, boom maintenance and deployment continue in areas along the Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and northern Florida coastlines.
 - **Current amount of shoreline impacted: 649 miles (-0.1 miles) (NIC)**
 - AL: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported. Limited beach cleaning operations 5 Aug due to weather conditions.
 - FL: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported; cleanup continues in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties.
 - LA: (NIC)
 - Currently only sheening found.
 - MS: (NIC)
 - No new oiling reported in state of Mississippi; crews continue to cleanup Belle Fontaine Beach, Petit Bois, Cat, and Ship Islands.
 - TX: (NIC)
 - No Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Team operations scheduled.
- **Operations**
 - No In Situ Burns (ISB) conducted 4 Aug. (NIC)
 - Booming/skimming operations continue, weather permitting. (NIC)
 - **Oily water mixture recovered to date: 826,545 barrels (+2 barrels).**
- **Health Concerns**
 - Heat stress remains the primary health concern for response workers. (OHA)
- **Dispersants**
 - No aerial dispersant flights flown 5 Aug. (NIC)
 - Subsea dispersant injection has stopped. (NIC)



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- **Shipping Channels/Ports**
 - All shipping channels/ports remain open in the Gulf Coast Region. (USCG)
 - To date, a total of 6 vessels have required decontamination. (NIC)

- **Assets on Scene:**
 - **Personnel: 31,636 (+175) (NIC)**
 - Boom to date: 11,885,276 ft (no change); 3,594,940 ft containment and 8,290,336 ft sorbent. (UAC)
 - Dispersant to date: 1,843,786 gals (no change), (1,072,514 surface/771,272 subsea) (NIC)
 - **Total vessels assigned: 5,057 (+101) (NIC)**
 - Fixed-wing aircraft: 30 (no change) (NIC)
 - **Helicopters: 58 (-2) (NIC)**

Federal Agencies/Departments

- **US Coast Guard (USCG)**
 - Continuing incident coordination and response activities.

- **Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**
 - Providing flight advisory information to aircraft participating in disaster response and video to track oil plume movement; **mission-hours to date: 1,406.4 (+10.8 hours).**

- **Interagency Remote Sensing Coordination Cell (IRSCC)**
 - Active at the Unified Area Command; managing remote sensing platforms.

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
 - Supporting NIC activities and Federal On-Scene Coordinator.

- **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
 - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service providing wildlife recovery services.

- **Department of Defense (DoD)**
 - 1,708 National Guard members activated in LA, MS, AL, and FL.

- **Department of Energy (DOE)**
 - Assisting Unified Area Command and supporting interagency solutions group.

- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
 - Continuing to sample air, water, sediment, and waste.



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- **Health and Human Services (HHS).**
 - MS Department of Environmental Quality reported low levels of dissolved oxygen in the waters, resulting in fish kills.
 - LA Department of Health and Hospitals plans to submit reopening samples for oyster harvesting areas 2, 3, and 5 to National Seafood Inspection Laboratory 5 Aug.
 - **Total personnel deployed: 38 (-2)**
- **Department of the Interior (DOI)**
 - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) continues to assist with well integrity tests.
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**
 - Weather forecast:
 - **Fri, 6 Aug: Southwest winds 5-8 knots; seas 1 ft.**
 - **Sat, 7 Aug: Southwest winds 5-8 knots; seas 1 ft.**
 - **Sun, 8 Aug: Southwest winds 5-8 knots; seas 1 ft.**
- **Department of State (DOS)**
 - Assisting in coordinating the response to offers for international assistance.
- **Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - Assisting with air traffic control operations, including temporary flight restrictions.

Critical Infrastructure Key Resources (CIKR)

- **National Infrastructure Coordinating Center (NICC)**
 - Continuing to monitor CIKR.

State and Local Agencies

- AL, FL, LA, MS and TX are communicating with DHS daily.

National Operations Center

- Current Posture: Phase 2 - Concern; Crisis Action Team activated.
- **The next SLB will be published at 1100 EDT 9 Aug.**



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Media

MOBILE JIC

1. Media boat – USCG - Pascagoula, MS boom removal
 - a. WLOX TV Biloxi
 - b. NBC National
 - c. WALA Fox 10 Mobile
 - d. Talk Radio MS
 - e. Associated Press
2. US Rep Joe Bonner – tour ICP Mobile

Social Media

- The need for both short-term and long-term action to ensure Gulf seafood is both safe and perceived to be safe to consume, free of oil and other contaminants.
- Ongoing worry that the oil has not really dissipated or been wholly accounted for in official estimates. As a corollary, concern expressed about the long-term commitment to clean up the Gulf.
- Continuing anxiety that the long-term impact of the mix of oil and dispersant on birds, marine life, the food chain and sensitive ecosystems.



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Administration Wide Response

- Senior Administration Officials Meet with BP Executives at the White House
- National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen provided a briefing to inform the American public and answer questions on the administration-wide response to the BP oil spill
- Development Driller III continues the drilling of the relief well to ensure the well is permanently sealed

Government Relations

Monday, August 9

0600 International Observers Program to UAC
1400 Rep. Bonner visit to ICP Mobile for an updated DWH brief with USCG, ADEM and BP
0830 Canadian Coast Guard Representatives will visit ICP-Mobile and then forward deploy to Dauphin Island Branch and Theodore to shadow our efforts



Unified Area Command Daily External Affairs Report Summary August 09, 2010

Key Message/Messages

"We are redoubling our efforts in the areas that are most impacted by oil. This would include the northern areas of Barataria Bay, behind the Chandeleur Islands, Breton Sound, areas over in Terrebonne and Timbalier Bay, as well."

Adm. Thad Allen

Significant Successes

Significant Successes from the Past One Hundred Twelve Days Spanning 5 States August 09, 201

Aviation

- Approximately 85 aircraft search for oil daily and vector in clean up resources

In-Situ Burns

- Over 11.1 million gallons of oil successfully burned
- 411 burns safely conducted

Skimmers Employed

- Over 830 skimmers actively cleaning
- 34.7 million gallons of oily water mixture recovered

Cleaned Beaches

- Assessed over 2,800 miles of shoreline

Wildlife Rehabilitation

- State and federal wildlife biologists released 15 rescued and rehabilitated brown pelicans back into wild.
- State and federal wildlife biologists released 59 rehabilitated brown pelicans treated at the Hammond Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. The birds were released back to the wild on Rabbit Island in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, increasing the number of rehabilitated and released birds to more than 700 since the BP oil spill began.

Ingenuity / New Devices

- The Unified Area Command's comprehensive website, www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com, has accumulated over 140 million hits since the beginning of the response
- The Unified Area Command's Facebook page has over 39,200 followers
- The Unified Area Command's YouTube page for the Deepwater Horizon Response has received over 2.5 million views

Claims Process

- 145,219 claims processed for over \$325 million

Sub-sea containment

- Over 34.7 million gallons of oil recovered at the source

Multi-agency Response

- Hosted 120 VIP visits, briefings and tours supported by many participating agencies

Unity of Effort

- Participated in open houses in LA, MS, FL and AL. Plan to conduct an open house in every affected Parish / County with support from the following: BP Claims, BP outreach, USCG, DHS, EPA, NOAA, Alternative Response, Shoreline Clean Operations, LA Workforce Commission, and LA Dept of Environmental Quality
- In coordination with USCG and NG, BP and DHS CR teams in AL, FL, MS, and LA have provided Deepwater Horizon Response information in 10 languages, facilitated by LEP Coordinators, to CBOs, FBOs, churches, local elected officials and businesses reaching over 455,600 individuals.
- Conducted 99 local official conference calls to disseminate information and provide operations updates
- Conducted 100 Governors conference calls to disseminate information and provide operations updates



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Personnel

- Lead over 28,900 people participating in the response

Safety

- Illness/injury recordable incident rate for the response is below the General Industry average (as of 14 July: Rate is 2.28 versus 4.2 for General Industry)
- Developed a health and safety training program for the International Observer Program
- Provided training for 25 international observers



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Inquires

LA Public Broadcasting – Kevin Gautreaux

R: Requesting Admiral Allen to serve on a town hall panel in Buras, LA on 21AUG10 from 11 a.m. till noon.

A: Request was emailed to UAC external affairs and Jeff Carter

Platts Wire Service – Gerald Karey

R: Was interested to know more information about the meeting that took place between Admiral Allen and Mr. Dudley (BP). Requesting to know what the meeting involved.

A: Turned the request over to Cmdr Wester and the NIC representative

CBS – Michelle Sobel

R: Where was the teleconference held today with Admiral Allen

A: External affairs answered “somewhere on the East Coast” and this information was relayed to CBS

CBS News – Sandra Shorenstein

R: How far are apart are the two relief wells and do they have names?

A: Referred to Adam Fethcer

AP – Francois Duckett

R: Interested in a breakdown related to the details of claims being paid to individuals and businesses.

A: Referred him to BP.com and

Vanity Fair – Gary Braush

R: He wanted to know if there was space for two more people to go on a wildlife rehab tour. Also wanted to know what other activities were going on this week relating to the wildlife tours, etc.

A: Referred Mr. Braush to the Houma JIC to make arrangements.

REDETV (Brazil) – Noeli Soares

R: Caller requested to visit and report on volunteers and the rescue of wildlife.

A: He inquiry to the Houma JIC to set up any activities.

Dow Jones – Mark Peters

R: What areas are of concern to Admiral Allen and officials.

A: Passed on a recent transcript

Dow Jones – Mark Peters

A: He wanted to know if there was a second briefing to be held today, he missed the earlier briefing.

R: The transcript was emailed over to him from the earlier briefing.



FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Tuesday, August 10

- 0600 International Observers Program to visit ICP Houma
- 0900 BOEM – Director Bromwich Public Forum in Mobile, AL.
- TBD Branch Jacksonville to conduct a Fernandina residence outreach meeting on DWH topics.
- TBD Branch Jacksonville is coordinating DWH community outreach Q&A meetings with Fernandina Beach and Brevard Counties.
- TBD Branch St. Petersburg LNO will coordinate a phone conference this week with Sarasota County and their local Sierra Club to address wildlife concerns.
- TBD Canadian Coast Guard in New Orleans to be a part of the IOP
- TBD RDML Cari Thomas, Tracen Cape May to visit UAC

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Wednesday, August 11

- 0600 International Observers Program to visit Grand Isle
- 0900 BOEM – Dir. Bromwich Public Forum in Pensacola, FL
- TBD ADM Allen to visit ICP Mobile or walkthrough and all-hands meeting

Thursday, August 12

- 0830 Senator Sessions requests a transition plan briefing at ICP Mobile. Staff to attend.
- TBD USCG, NIC briefing on the Incident Command Transition Strategy and its impact for Alabama with Senator Sessions (AL) & Staff
- TBD ADM Allen to tour Barataria Bay
- TBD VADM John Currier, CG Chief of Staff visit to UAC

Friday, August 13

- 1030 Parish President's Briefing in Houma

Monday, August 16

- TBD VADM Robert Parker, Lantarea to visit UAC

Tuesday, August 17

- TBD USCG COMDT visit to Pensacola USCG cutters



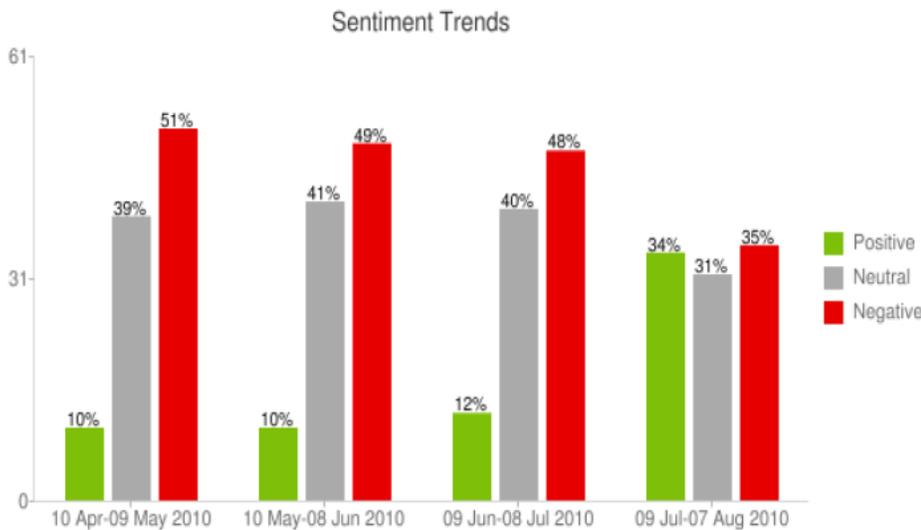
What Others Are Saying

Social Media

Communication Statistics:

Facebook Followers: 39,276 (-24)
 Twitter Followers: 8,513 (0): Lists: 727 (-2)
 YouTube Views: 2,569,304 (+831): Videos: 135 (+4): Subscribers: 1876 (+13)
 Flickr Views: 248,657 (+353) Photos: 1069 (+32):
 Total Website Hits: 140,032,729 Daily Website Hits: (169,635)
 Total number of opt-ins for SMS new alerts: 6404 (+10)

Sentiment Trends: Note that not all Facebook content is available because of their terms of services.



Facebook Trends:

- A noteworthy number of comments expressed the desire to see new timely content. One commenter expressed the perception that DHR does not have answers to posted questions.

- **Talking points needed** to follow up on messaging strategy.

- Continued skepticism of the “vanishing oil” reports given that oil and tar balls still visible on beaches. Ongoing questions about the “oil budget” calculations. **Talking points needed** to follow up on the cleanup efforts. There is a significant amount of disbelief in that the oil is gone for good. We need to be able to provide answers on the plan going forward.

- Constant concern regarding the long-term plan to ensure Gulf seafood is safe to consume and free of oil or other contaminants. Are oil and dispersants making their way into the food chain? **Talking points needed** to reassure the public and provide detailed information about the food-safety assurance methodology, types of tests, and outline of processes along with data results.

- Concerns with the long-term commitment to the cleanup persist. The perception is that, with the well capped, cut back of cleanup operations will occur. **Talking points needed** to reassure public of an overall plan for cleanup how it will affect them and the Gulf environment. In particular, we need restatement of the mission to include long-term restoration activities after the “bottom kill”.

- Chronic apprehension from a small group of vocal commenter’s about dispersants, the amount used and how it will affect the



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environment and seafood of the Gulf for the long term. Another group of followers refute claims of the group mentioned above.

Twitter Trends:

- Convincing people of the safety of Gulf seafood will take time and effort.
- Oil spill crews in Gulf eye storms over Florida, worry of development into tropical storms.

Blog Trends:

- There is short and long-term concern regarding the perceived safety of Gulf seafood.
- Bloggers continue to debate the oil spill estimate and the ultimate fate of the oil released into the Gulf. Skeptics do not believe the oil has really dissipated.
- There is ongoing worry for the long-term impact of the oil spill on birds, marine life and sensitive ecosystems.

GULF OIL SPILL NATIONAL BLOG COVERAGE:

- NYT blog reported extensively of the role of the MMS in contributing to a decline in safety precautions as part of an overall mandate to increase offshore drilling, as well as its unusually close working relationship with the industry it regulated.
- WSJ reported on the numerous probes and investigations into the spill now being conducted by the government.
- CSM and AP reported that while the well has been killed, many Louisiana residents continue to be anxious about the future and the prospect of 'abandonment.'
- Daily Kos reported on the debate over the use of dispersants and alleged that BP has used them at least in part for public relations purposes.
- Huffington Post op-ed by Michael Martin described the challenges of being the CEO of an oil corporation and urged those interested in oil politics to read Tom Bower's new book - Oil: Money, Politics, and Power in the 21st Century.

UNIFIED AREA COMMAND MEDIA ANALYSIS

Deepwater Horizon BP Media Review:

Adm. Thad Allen Watching Tropical Storms

A cluster of storms brewing over the Florida peninsula is being watch carefully. A hurricane could threaten relief well drilling operations at the Deepwater Horizon site. The National Hurricane Center says storms could move into the site.
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h7GOsAhLufQQYwnwAUsvSdZFUapQD9HG0E082>

Three Billion Dollar Down Payment on Escrow Fund

BP completed negotiations on a \$20B escrow fund to be used for compensating victims of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. The Department of Justice confirmed the payment and said they were pleased BP has taken an important step toward honoring its commitment. The payment comes earlier than expected. BP had planned to make its first deposit before Sept. 30. It will make a further \$2B deposit during its 4th quarter.
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704388504575419281620436778.html>

Moratorium Heading Back into Court

Two hearings have been scheduled this month to determine the legality of a drilling moratorium imposed by the Dept. of the Interior. On Aug. 11 and Aug. 25th, U.S. District Court Judge Martin Feldman will preside over arguments. Feldman initially



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overturned a Dept. of Interior drill ban, but the Dept. of Interior revised its moratorium and reinstated it, calling it a new law. The two hearings are from Hornsbeck Offshore Services (on 11th) and EnSCO Offshore Co. (on 25th). Both seek to overturn the July 12th "temporary pause" in offshore drilling.

<http://www.nola.com/news/t-p/metro/index.ssf?base/news-35/1281334826130300.xml&coll=>

US, BP Agree to Terms of Gulf Spill Fund

The U.S. completed negotiations with BP Plc. to establish the \$20 billion fund that will compensate victims of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the Justice Department said. As anticipated, Citibank will be the corporate trustee, John Martin, a former federal judge in New York City, and Kent Syverud, dean of Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, will be individual trustees of the account. Checks will be cashed for free at t New Orleans-based Whitney National Bank, which has 160 branches along the Gulf Coast, BP said. Senator David Vitter, a Louisiana Republican, on July 16 urged BP to deposit the cash in local banks instead of "Wall Street banks." Kenneth Feinberg will administer the fund, which will begin paying claims this month. Garden City Group of New York and the law firm BrownGreer of Richmond, Virginia, have been contracted to help administer the claims facility.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-08-09/bp-20-billion-oil-spill-compensation-fund-agreement-completed-with-u-s- html>

Presidential Commission Questioning NOEMR Chief on Moratorium

The Presidential Commission appointed by Pres. Obama to investigate the Deepwater Horizon spill has sent a letter to the head of the National Ocean Energy Management and Regulation office, the latest incarnation of the Minerals Management Service, asking it to justify the six month drilling moratorium. A series of hearings had convinced the commission that the ban needed to be challenged. NOEMR says he will still need to gather information before reinstating offshore drilling.

http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2010/08/presidential_commission_presse.html

Economists Testify on Gulf Spill's Economic Consequences

The combined economies of four coastal states affected by the moratorium in particular — Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi — are "widely expected to fall off a cliff when BP exits," says Mr. Jason Mason, a finance professor at Louisiana State University. In his testimony to the Senate Small Business Committee last week, Mason said the area is poised to lose \$2.1 billion in economic activity, which translates to a loss of over 8,000 jobs and nearly \$500 million in wages.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/2010/0809/>

Bob Dudley Meeting with White House

The White House says Dudley will meet with Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, White House Counsel Bob Bauer, energy adviser Carol Browner and retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen this afternoon to discuss the next phase of Gulf clean up.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hmRv_YUII1GFQp-ArxAtk0n8S3EwD9HG2FTG0

Over 145,000 Claims have been paid, but 39,000 are still in need

BP has paid out over \$324mm in claims for lost income, but has yet to decide on 39,000. These 39,000 pending claims, some months old, could be the result of BP wanting a federal administrator to rule on difficult cases as it had earlier implied. Other reasons include needing more paperwork.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory?id=11360927>

Congress Pushing for New Standards on Blowout Preventers

Federal regulators are considering new standards for blowout regulators that would help ensure the 450 ton devices could shear through pipe and strangle an out of flow gush of oil or gas. Petroleum engineers caution that even under the revised standards, the Deepwater Horizon rig would still have collapsed and oil flowed out of control.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/business/deepwaterhorizon/7145005.html>

Stress and Dangers on Rigs

Oilrigs are intensely stressful and dangerous environments. There are more than 4,000 rigs in the Gulf and workers are expected



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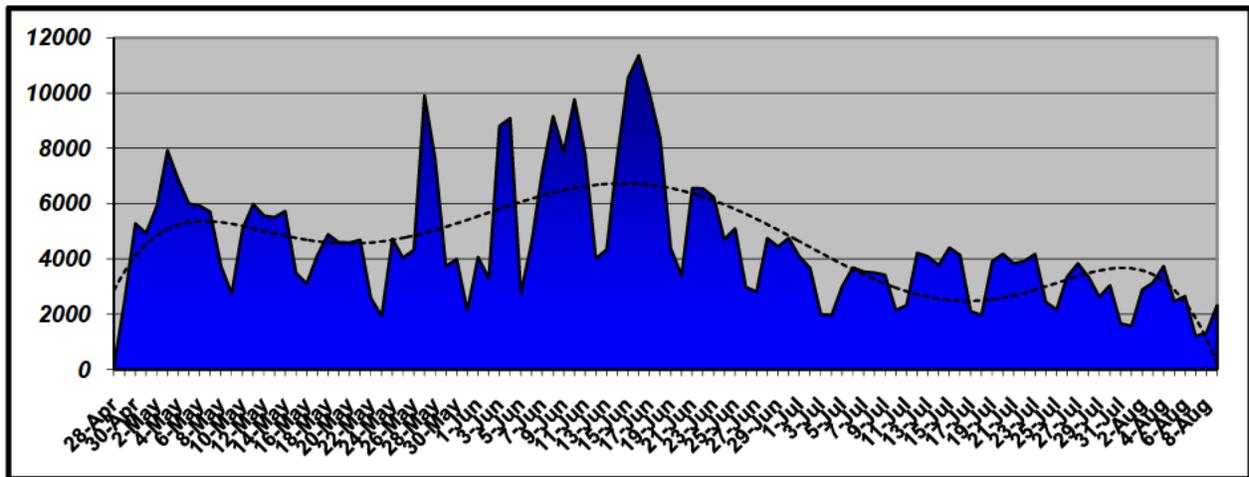
to work long hours in serious peril, often with inadequate training. Regulators have been warning of a looming safety crisis because of inadequate training. Between 2006-2009 there were 30 deaths reported and 1,298 accidents. Most offshore companies insist that safety is a top priority, but a 24-hour work environment and inadequate regulations and enforcement may make that impossible. The Association of Drilling Contractors retorts that rig workers are highly valued and well paid; that complaints about exploitive and dangerous rigs were simply fodder for ambulance chasers.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/08/09/AR2010080904083.html>

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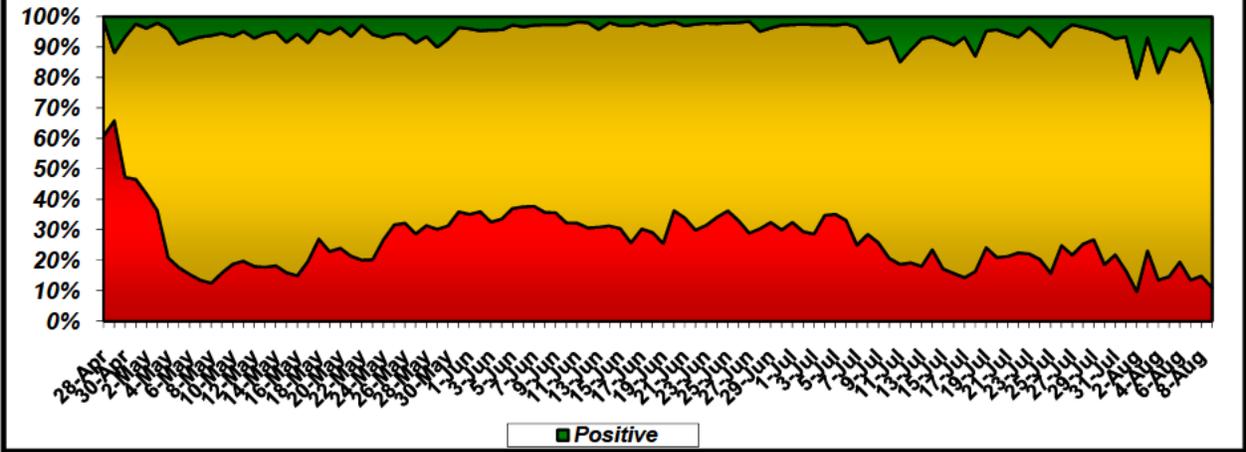


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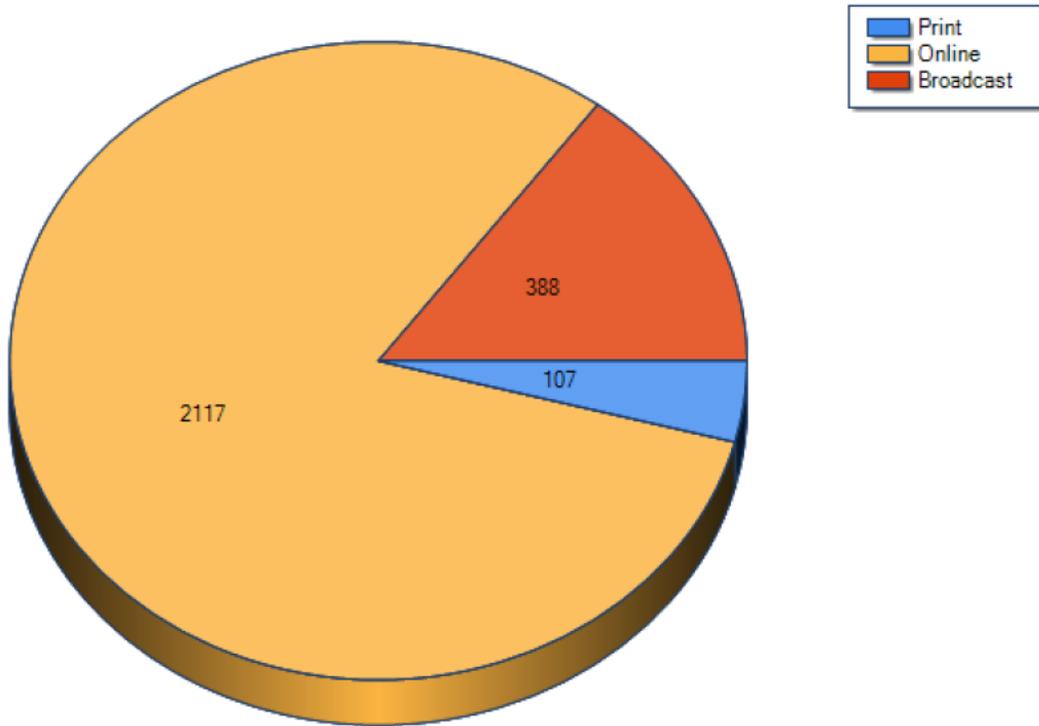
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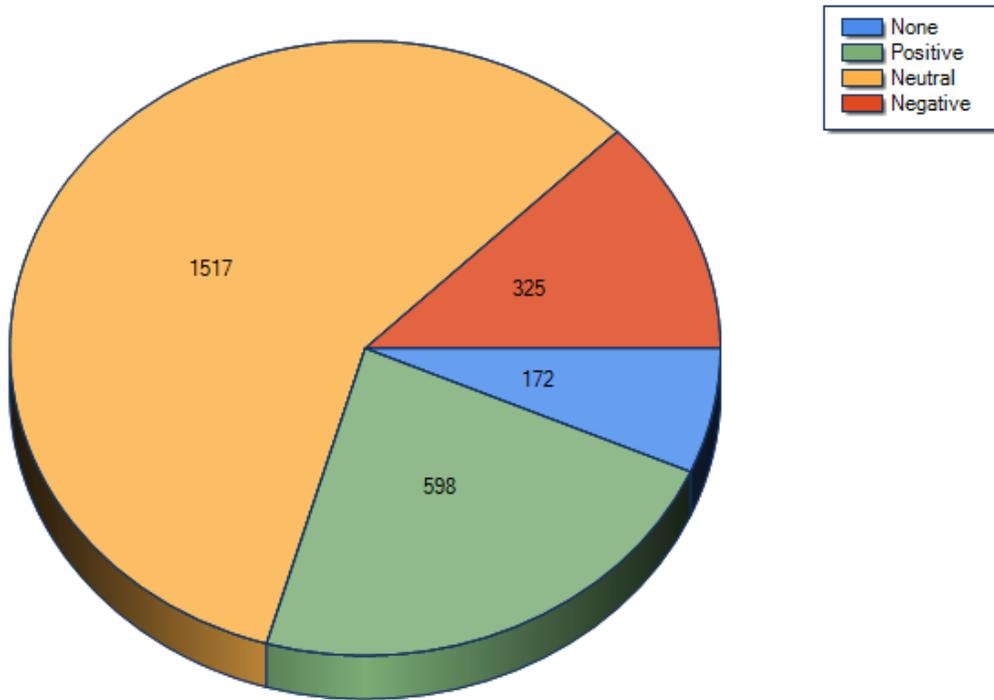
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24-HOUR SUMMARY

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PAST 24 HOURS

Senior Administration Officials Meet with BP Executives at the White House

Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Carol Browner, White House Counsel Robert Bauer, and National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen and other senior administration officials met with BP executives Bob Dudley and Lamar McKay at the White House to discuss a range of issues regarding the ongoing clean up and recovery efforts in the Gulf.

They impressed upon BP the importance of living up to their commitment to long term recovery, and underscored that the Administration will remain vigilant in ensuring that promise is met. Among a variety of other issues, the administration officials also stressed the need for BP to move quickly to pay state and local government claims, and reiterated President Obama's commitment to work with the people of the Gulf to hold BP accountable, and to address economic, health and environmental needs, and restore the beauty and bounty of the region.

Admiral Allen Provides an Update on the BP Oil Spill Response

National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen provided a briefing to inform the American public and answer questions on the administration-wide response to the BP oil spill. A full transcript is available [here](#).

Admiral Allen reiterated the administration's commitment to continue drilling until the relief well is completed: "We believe that we have filled the casing with cement and have secured that part of the well. The job before us now is to finish the relief well, to enter the annulus from the bottom, assess its condition, and then seal the well with cement from the bottom up. That will, in our view, at that point, permanently kill the well."



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Allen also stressed the continued efforts to cleanup impacted shoreline: “In the meantime, we are redoubling our efforts in the areas that are most impacted by oil. This would include the northern areas of Barataria Bay, behind the Chandeleur Islands, Breton Sound, areas over in Terrebonne and Timbalier Bay as well,” he said.

Relief Well Drilling and Acoustic Monitoring Continue

Development Driller III continues the drilling of the relief well to ensure the well is permanently sealed and has reached a depth of 17,909 feet below the Gulf surface, conducting ranging runs periodically as it comes closer to intercepting the wellbore. The second relief well is holding at 15,961 feet. The NOAA Ship Henry B. Bigelow continues conducting acoustic surveys in order to ensure the integrity of the wellhead—part of continued efforts to use the best scientific tools available in response to the BP oil spill. Pressure tests have shown that the procedure to prevent any more oil from spilling with a cement plug appears to have succeeded.

FWS Personnel Continue Wildlife Rescue and Recovery Missions Across the Region

From the Houma, La., Incident Command Post, 279 field personnel, 86 vessels, four helicopters and one float plane participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions. From the Mobile, Ala., Incident Command Post, wildlife recovery teams responded to 34 calls on the Wildlife Hotline. To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.

Shoreline Cleanup Operations Continue Along the Gulf Coast

As part of continued efforts to protect wildlife and wildlife habitats from the impacts of the BP oil spill, FWS and National Parks Service cleanup crews continued shoreline cleanup operations at Gulf Islands National Seashore in Mississippi, removing oil debris from Horn Island (3,540 lbs), Petit Bois (1,000 lbs), Cat Island (1,925 lbs) and Ship Island (1,600 lbs).

Approved SBA Economic Injury Assistance Loans Surpass \$19.7 Million

SBA has approved 229 economic injury assistance loans to date, totaling more than \$19.7 million for small businesses in the Gulf Coast impacted by the BP oil spill. Additionally, the agency has granted deferments on 789 existing SBA disaster loans in the region, totaling more than \$4.3 million per month in payments. For information on assistance loans for affected businesses, visit the SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, call (800) 659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing



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impaired), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Administration Continues to Oversee BP's Claims Process

The administration will continue to hold the responsible parties accountable for repairing the damage, and repaying Americans who've suffered a financial loss as a result of the BP oil spill. To date, 145,219 claims have been opened, from which more than \$324 million have been disbursed. No claims have been denied to date. There are 1,256 claims adjusters on the ground. To file a claim, visit www.bp.com/claims or call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118. Additional information about the BP claims process and all available avenues of assistance can be found at www.disasterassistance.gov.

By the Numbers to Date:

The administration has authorized the deployment of 17,500 National Guard troops from Gulf Coast states to respond to this crisis; currently, 1,515 are active.

Approximately 28,900 personnel are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines.

More than 5,100 vessels are currently responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.

Approximately 2.66 million feet of containment boom* and 8.7 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed to contain the spill—and approximately 1.16 million feet of containment boom and 3.28 million feet of sorbent boom are available.

More than 34.7 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.

Approximately 1.84 million gallons of total dispersant have been applied—1.07 million on the surface and 771,000 sub-sea. Approximately 577,000 gallons are available.

411 controlled burns have been conducted, efficiently removing a total of more than 11.14 million gallons of oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife. Because calculations on the volume of oil burned can take more than 48 hours, the reported total volume may not reflect the most recent controlled burns.

17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines.



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Approximately 665 miles of Gulf Coast shoreline is currently oiled—approximately 387 miles in Louisiana, 114 miles in Mississippi, 76 miles in Alabama, and 88 miles in Florida. These numbers reflect a daily snapshot of shoreline currently experiencing impacts from oil so that planning and field operations can more quickly respond to new impacts; they do not include cumulative impacts to date, or shoreline that has already been cleared.

Approximately 57,539 square miles of Gulf of Mexico federal waters remain closed to fishing in order to balance economic and public health concerns. Approximately 76 percent remains open. Details can be found at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.

To date, the administration has leveraged assets and skills from numerous foreign countries and international organizations as part of this historic, all-hands-on-deck response, including Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, the United Nations' International Maritime Organization, the European Union's Monitoring and Information Centre, and the European Maritime Safety Agency.

**The decrease in boom numbers is due to the continued recovery of displaced boom. Once recovered, this boom must be decontaminated, repaired, inspected, and certified before being staged or redeployed. New boom is being deployed in some areas.*



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LOOP CURRENT

Deepwater Horizon MC252

Loop Current Location Relative to Oil Slick

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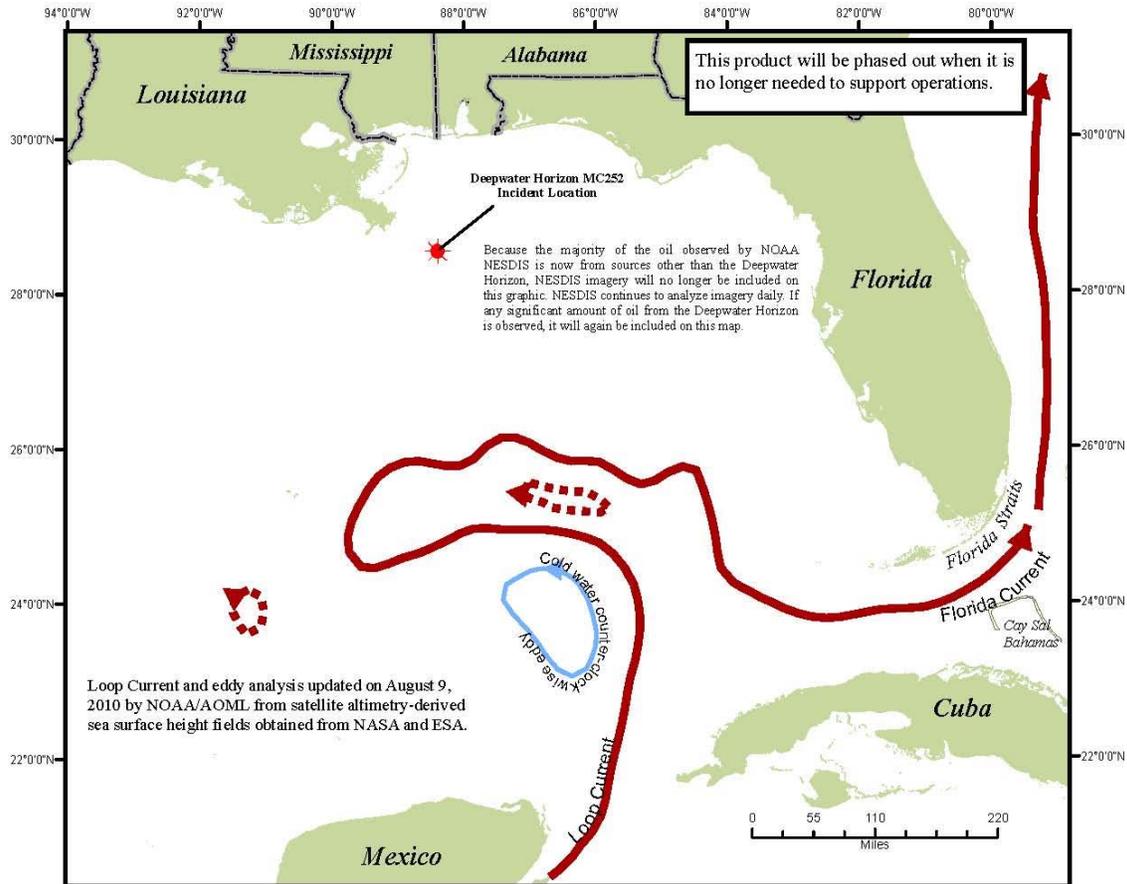


The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is closely monitoring the Deepwater Horizon MC252 (BP oil spill) slick's proximity to the Loop Current in the Gulf of Mexico.

- The Loop Current is an area of warm water that comes up from the Caribbean, flowing past the Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico) and into the Gulf of Mexico.
- It generally curves east across the Gulf and then flows south parallel to the west Florida coast; there it becomes the Florida Current as it moves through the Florida Straits, joins the Gulf Stream and travels up the Atlantic Coast, veering progressively farther away from the coast.
- Sometimes the northern part of the Loop Current separates from the main Loop Current, forming a large rotating region of water, known as an eddy.
- There are also smaller eddies that form along the edges of the Loop Current.

Both the location of the Loop Current and location of the oil slick are dynamic and constantly changing. The present location of the oil is identified daily through analysis of satellite imagery, observer overflights and advanced technology on aircraft. This information is also keeping us informed of how far away the oil is from the Loop Current each day. If oil from the spill enters the Loop Current, it would take at least a few days or more to reach the Florida Straits. During this transit time, the natural processes of evaporation and dispersion would reduce the oil volume significantly, and make it less toxic. The remaining oil would be mostly in the form of tarballs.

The figure below, depicts the present location of the Loop Current and the location of the Deepwater Horizon well. There has been no indication of oil in or near the Loop Current for over seven weeks, the well has not released any significant oil since July 15 and there has been no oil observed on the water surface for a number of days; therefore, at present there is no risk of the Loop Current transporting oil. NOAA will continue to monitor the situation daily until further notice.



Map prepared August 9, 2010 by NOAA Emergency Response Division

Loop Current and eddy analysis updated on August 9, 2010 by NOAA/AOML from satellite altimetry-derived sea surface height fields obtained from NASA and ESA.



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FISHERIES STATUS

Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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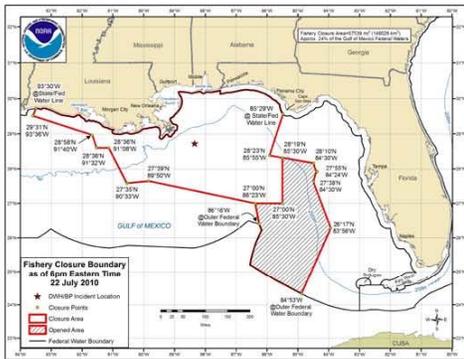
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BP Oil Spill: NOAA Re-opens Previously Closed Portions of the Gulf of Mexico to Commercial and Recreational Fishing

Effective **July 22, 2010 at 6 p.m. eastern time** (5 p.m. central time), NOAA will reopen 26,388 square miles (68,345 sq km) of area it had previously closed to commercial and recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico in response to the BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill. All commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in the remaining closed area; however, transit through the area is allowed.

observed in the northeastern Gulf was projected to enter the loop current and move south. Since mid-June, NOAA data has shown no oil in the area, and United States Coast Guard observers flying over the area in the last 30 days have also not seen any oil. Trajectory models show the area is at a low risk for future exposure to oil. NOAA collected 52 samples of fish from this area, including commercially and recreationally important species. Sensory testing showed no detectable oil or dispersant odors or flavors in the samples, and the results of chemical analysis were well below levels of concern.



Map Link:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/deepwater_horizon/BP_OilSpill_FisheryClosureMap_072210.pdf

The closed area now measures 57,539 sq mi (149,026 sq km) and covers about 24% of the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone. Before the southern area was re-opened, 83,927 miles (217,371 sq km), or roughly 35% of federal waters of the Gulf, were closed to fishing. NOAA will continue to evaluate the need for fisheries closures based on the evolving nature of the spill and will re-open closed areas as appropriate.

The re-opened area was originally closed as a precaution, because light oil sheen that had been

NOAA continues to work closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the states to ensure seafood safety, by closing fishing areas where tainted seafood could potentially be caught, and assessing whether seafood is tainted or contaminated to levels that pose a risk to human health. NOAA and FDA are working together to sample seafood from inside and outside the closure area, as well as dockside- and market-based sampling.

The closed area is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following coordinates:

North latitude	West longitude
At state/federal line	85° 29'
28° 23'	85° 55'
28° 19'	85° 30'
27° 00'	85° 30'
27° 00'	86° 23'
27° 39'	89° 50'
27° 35'	90° 33'
28° 36'	91° 08'
28° 36'	91° 32'
28° 58'	91° 40'
29° 31'	93° 36'
At the state/federal line	93° 30'
Follow the state/federal water line easterly to beginning point	



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Reminders

Modeling and mapping the actual and projected spill area is not an exact science. NOAA Fisheries Service strongly advises fishermen not to fish in areas where oil or oil sheens (very thin layers of floating oil) are present, even if those areas are not currently closed to fishing.

If state waters are closed to fishing due to the oil spill, all vessels must comply with that closure. If state waters

Ways to Receive Closure Information:

- Sign up for Southeast Fishery Bulletins: send an email to: SERO.Communications.Comments@noaa.gov
- Call 1-800-627-NOAA (1-800-627-6622) to hear a recording of the current coordinates (with messages in Spanish and Vietnamese)
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for updates
- Sign up for text messages on your cell phone: text fishing@gulf to 84469 (for more information, visit <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/558107>)
- Follow us on Twitter: usnoagov to get a tweet when the closed area changes

are not closed to fishing due to the oil spill, federally permitted vessels may fish in those waters while abiding by all other applicable regulations.

Permit holders are reminded to maintain their federal vessel permits by submitting timely reporting requirements and renewal applications, even if the vessel is not currently engaged in fishing activities.

Links for more information:

Southeast Regional Office's Web page:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm

NOAA's National Ocean Service

<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov>

Deepwater Horizon Response

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call 1-800-440-0858.



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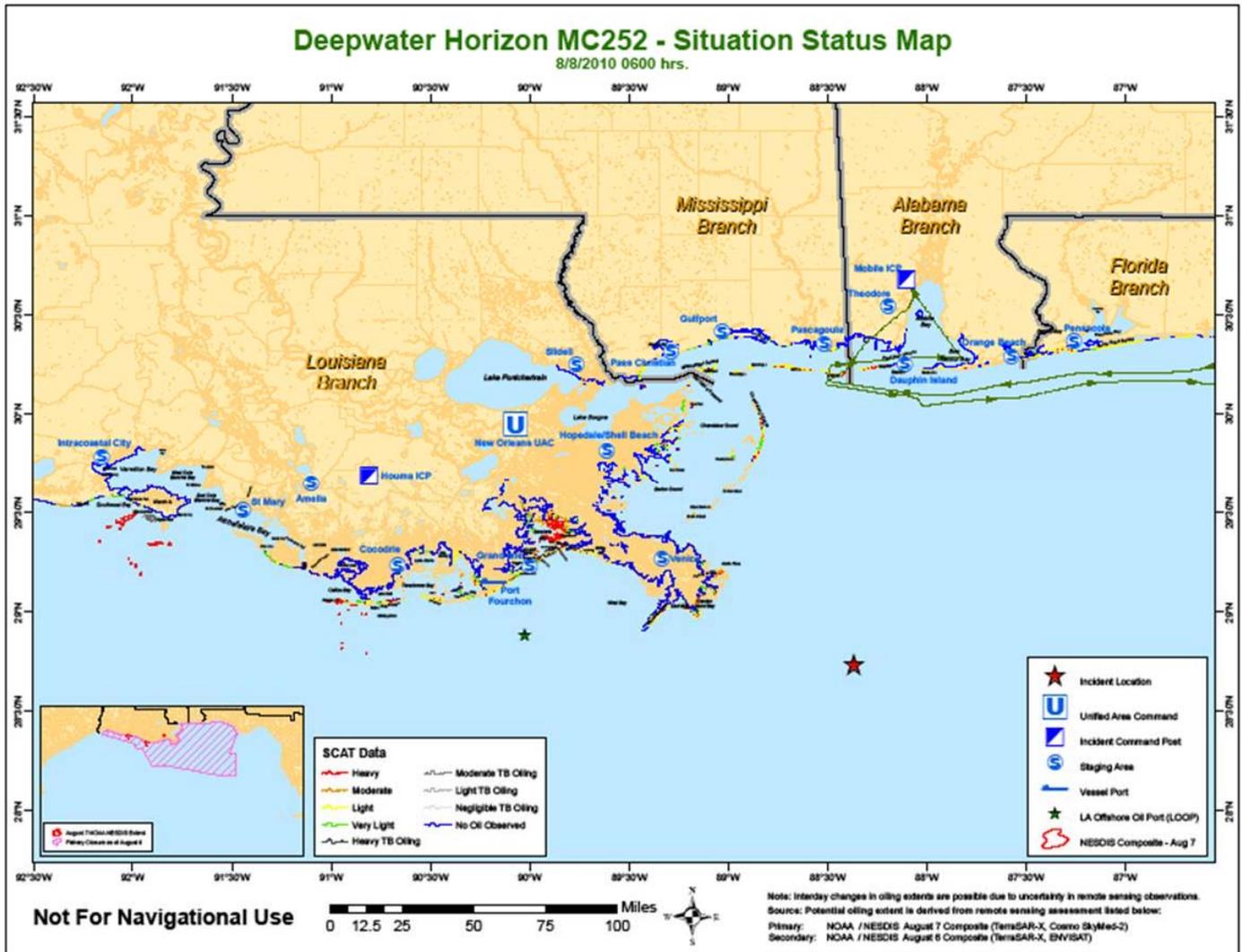


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Oil Slick Situation Status Map (No updated map available)





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**Boom Situation Status
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Subject National Incident Commander Brief 0430EDT 11 August
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Good Morning Admiral Allen,

Attached is the 0430EDT 11 August 2010 situation update.

Operational highlights below:

* DD-II: 2nd Relief Well- DDII has completed a positive pressure test, in the near future the BOP will be tested followed by negative pressure test. (Houston Source Control 11 August)

* DD-III: 1st Relief Well- (Day 92/104, 90% complete) DD-III storm packer is set, positive and negative pressure tests were completed successfully.

WEATHER OUTLOOK: (NOAA Spot Report 0300 EDT 11 August)

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Copies of Situation Briefs are available on HSIN at
<https://government.hsin.gov>

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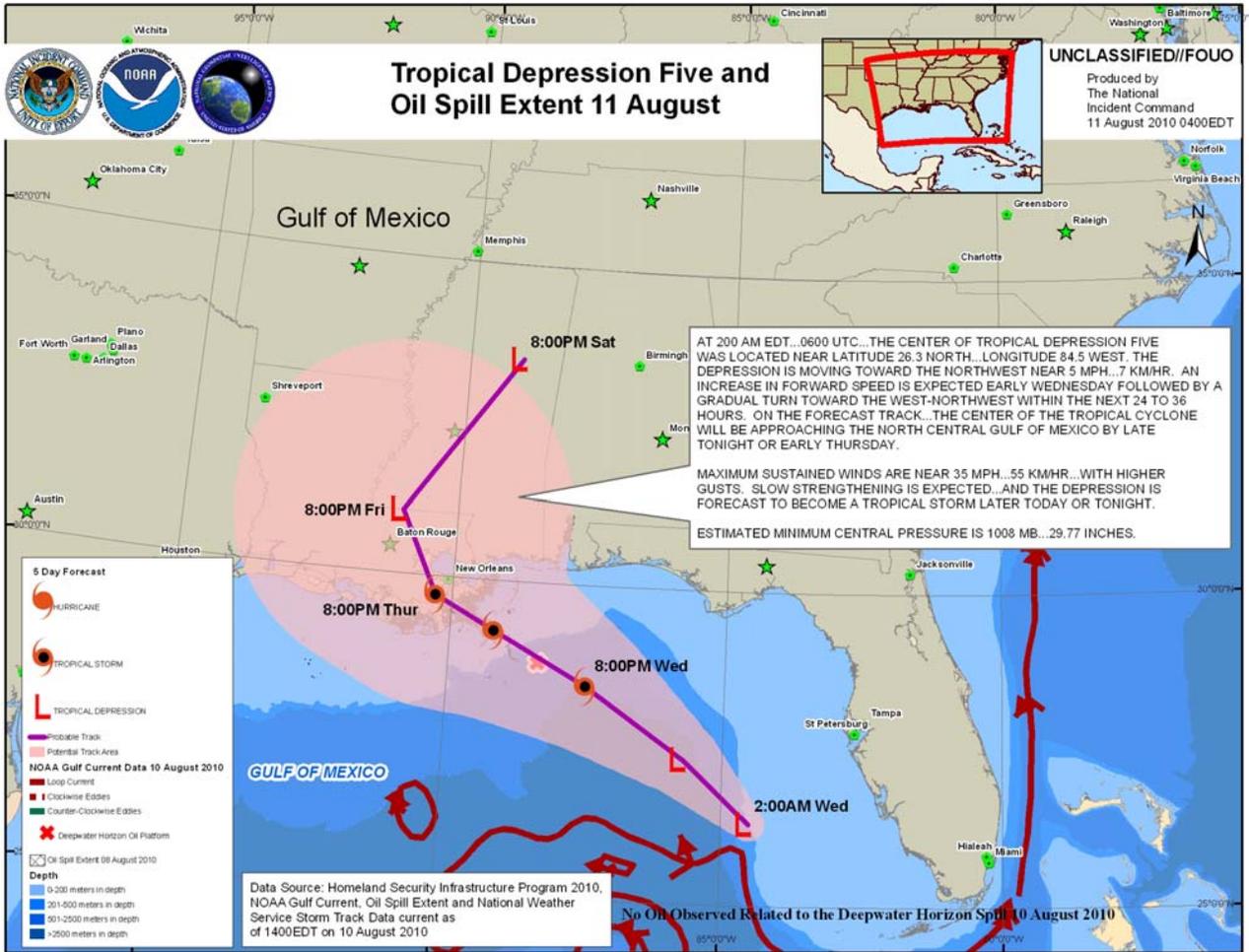




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National Incident Commander Objectives:

1. Establish and manage a coordinated interagency response effort to effectively employ all resources required to mitigate current and long term environmental and economic impacts of the incident.
2. Engage and inform the public, stakeholders and the media, keeping them apprised of response activities and plans.
3. Engage across all levels of government to develop courses of action for issues that span multiple agencies and departments.

Unified Area Command Objectives:

1. Ensure the safety and welfare of citizens and response personnel.
2. Control the source of the spill.
3. Continue to contain, recover, and dispose of spilled material.
4. Continue to maximize use and availability of advanced source control and response technologies.
5. Continue to maximize the protection, assessment, and response to environmentally, sensitive areas and wildlife risk.
6. Ensure stakeholders, government officials, and the public are kept informed of source control and response actions.
7. Minimize social, political, economic, and environmental impacts.
8. Continue to optimize critical resource utilization and effectiveness from all agencies and organizations across all response areas.
9. Ensure sustainability by conducting strategic planning to address long-range planning concerns; including worst case scenarios, contingencies, resources, logistics, and potential gaps.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST OPERATIONAL PERIOD: (UAC Sit Exec Sum 10 August)

- Well Integrity:
 - Monitored with sonar sweeps, visual observation, and pressure/temperature information.
 - No anomalies
- DD III Relief Well:
 - Completed ranging run #15
- Static Kill:
 - Monitored well integrity

WEATHER: (NOAA Spot Forecast 0300EDT 11 August)

Date	Wind (kts)	Sea State	Seas (ft)	Rain (%)
Wednesday 11 August – Day	NE 20-25/N 30-35	Extremely Rough	9	70
Wednesday 11 August – Night	NW 35-40/SW 35-40	Extremely Rough	12	70
Thursday 12 August – Day	S 30-35/S 25-30	Extremely Rough	11	80
Thursday 12 August – Night	SW 15-20	Very Rough	7	80
Friday 13 August	SW 15-20	Rough	5	70
Saturday 14 August	SW 7-10	Rough	3	30
Sunday 15 August	W 5-8	Choppy	2	40
Monday 16 August	W 5-8	Choppy	2	40

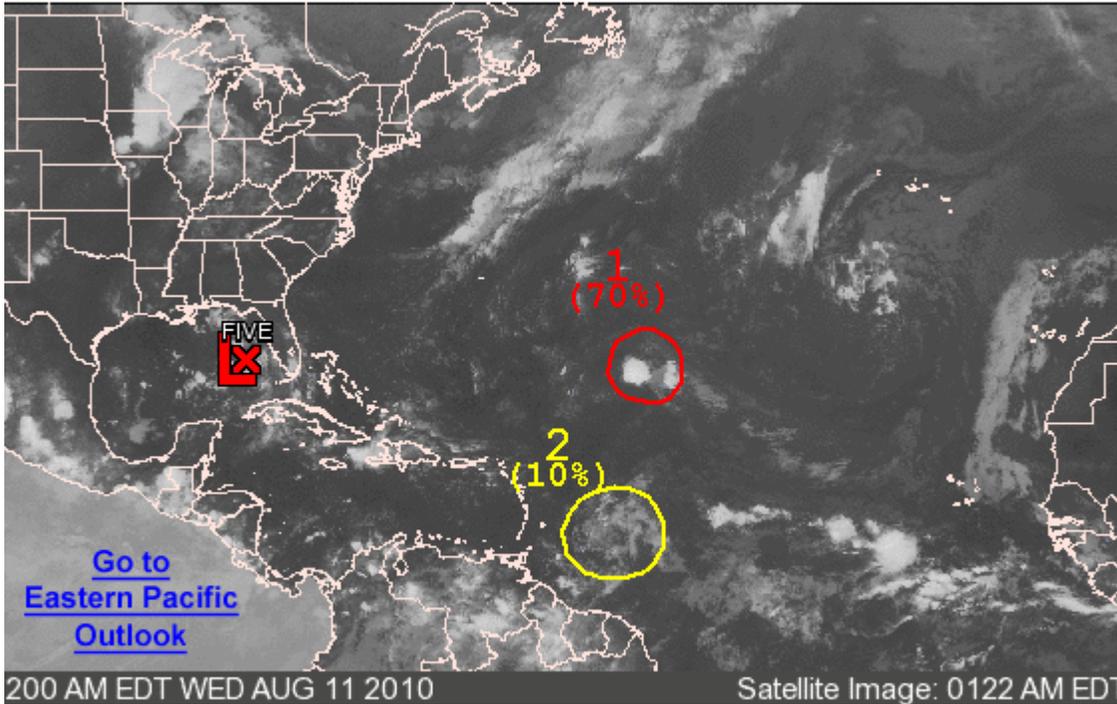
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Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



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SOURCE CONTROL: (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

Vessel	0000-2359CDT 07 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	562,104 bbls <small>*includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 22,158 bbls)</small>	1,272.4 million cubic ft of gas <small>* includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 88.4 gas)</small>
Q4000	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	241,187 bbls	534.1 million cubic ft of gas
HELIX PRODUCER I	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	23,742 bbls	~56.5 million cubic ft of gas (estimated due to incorrectly calibrated meter)
Cumulative oil/gas recovered	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	827,033 bbls	~1,863 million cubic ft of gas

- **DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE (DE):** DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE recovered top hat number 8. (Houston Update 1212EDT 07 August)
- **HELIX PRODUCER I:** The HP I was shut-in at 1120CDT 15 July. Standing-by. T-time is 12 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **Q4000:** Successfully completed the cement pumping operations at 1410CDT 05 August. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SEISMIC/ACOUSTIC TESTING:** No seismic runs were scheduled or completed for 10 August. Acoustic activities are ongoing. (Houston Source Control 10 August)
- **MONITORING:** Temperature at the casing was 39.6 degrees F. Geophones and “big ears” sensors continue monitoring with data recorded and collected by the BOA SUB C. Geophones will be retrieved every 48 hours to limit interference with ROV operations. Continue to monitor bubbles at base of well. T-time is 1 hour. (Houston Update 1209EDT 09 August)
- **HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN:** Well pressure decline remains stable, with the pressure reading at 0515EDT 10 August indicating 4,289 psi. Pressure is declining at 5 psi per hour. Three minor leaks in the vicinity of the capping stack pancake flange with hydrate formations are being monitored continually via ROV. BP ICP has been charting the bubbles, and the amount of gasses being released correlates to the pressure losses seen thus far, indicating down hole integrity. (Houston Source Control 10 August)
- **SUB-SEA DISPERSANT:** Dispersant injections at the BOP were secured at 1417CDT 15 July. No other dispersants used at this time. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC):** No reported VOCs. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SHORT TERM CONTAINMENT:** DE has Top Hat #8 standing by. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 1:** Standing by. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 2:** The FSR 2 inner riser has been completed. Upper riser work scheduled. 1060' jumper installed. 2900' jumper is ready but requires 3 vessels to install and to be coordinated around the work over the well. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SUBSEA TIE-IN:** Planning and design work are ongoing for both the Rigel and Na Kika tie-in options. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

RELIEF WELL DATA: (Houston Update 0649EDT 09 August)

	Total Drill Depth (MD=measured or total drilled depth in feet)	Day # of Est. Completion Days	True Vertical Depth (from sea level)	Comments
DD-II	15,961'	64 of 104 (63%)	15,200'	T-Time 105 hrs
DD-III	17,909'	92 of 104 (90%)	17,152'	T-Time 95 hrs

- **DD-II:** 2nd Relief Well- **DDII has completed a positive pressure test, in the near future the BOP will be tested followed by negative pressure test.** DDII is holding at a depth of 15,961' (15,200' TVD) and will hold operations pending results of DDIII relief well. T-time is 105 hours. (Houston Source Control 11 August)
- **DD-III:** 1st Relief Well- (Day 92/104, 90% complete) **DD-III storm packer is set, positive and negative pressure tests were completed successfully.** DD-III is on standby, pending the passage of a tropical disturbance and a review of a possible down hole pressure increase. If the well annulus is pressurized by hydrocarbons, it may cause the casing to lift off the hanger and allow free communication to the capping stack, exceeding it's designed pressure (up to 10K). This is a remote possibility, but BP is presenting the case to Secretary Salazar, Secretary Chu, and the Science Team for their review. Testing methods are currently being conceived and will be socialized on 10 August. The well remains at a depth of 17,909' (17,152' TVD). DD-III is tripped in hole with the drill bit at 17,864' (45' off bottom of well), awaiting orders. Future plans are to trip back in hole to drill the remaining 30', pull out of hole and complete ranging run #16, after casing hangar disturbance resolution. Currently anticipating a possible shift in schedule resulting from this delay, dependent on the testing method utilized. (Houston Source Control 11 August)
- **PLUG AND ABANDONMENT (P&A):** Procedures for P&A are being developed for submittal. Current plan is to commence removal of the capping stack and DWH BOP OOA 19 August using Q4000 and DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE, provided the well is completely plugged and abandoned per BOEM and NIC. The passage of the pending tropical disturbance will also impact this schedule. (Houston Source Control 10 August)
- **VESSELS ON SCENE** (Houston Update 1133EDT 08 August)

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
Q4000	United States	On-scene	Working with support vessels (BLUE DOLPHIN & HOS CENTERLINE)	Current T-Time 82 hours. Standing by. Shut down as of 1050CDT, 15 July Operational T-Time 69 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'; conducting final pressure tests.

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
NOAA PISCES	United States	Departed area	Seismic Runs	Acoustic Runs
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA HENRY B. BIGELOW	United States	On-scene	Site Monitoring	Acoustic Runs
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA GORDON GUNTER	United States	On-scene	Marine Mammal Research	Conducting marine mammal research
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	Marshall Islands	On-scene	Containment	T-time is 49 hours. On site, Top Hat #8 on deck.
				Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
HELIX PRODUCER I	Bahamas	On-scene	Oil Production Will process 20-25,000 bbls of oil/day at the CDP-1 free standing riser. Standing by to receive containment if required	T-time is 12 hours
				Operational T-Time 30 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
LOCH RANNOCH	United Kingdom	On-scene	Shuttle Tanker Hooked up to HP I & planning to receive 115 bbls of oil from HP1 tomorrow 2 Aug	Capacity is 1,000,000 bbls (40 days on station at full HPI production). Total volume on board is 24,628 bbls. T-time 0 hour
DISCOVERER CLEAR LEADER	Marshall Islands	Standing by Ship Shoal Block 363	Containment	On DP stand by at SS363. 3800' flexible on deck. Capacity is 125,000 bbls. T-Time 0 hours
SKANDI NEPTUNE	Norway	On location	ROV operations; ready for dispersant application if necessary	
MASSACHUSETTS	United States	Moored New Orleans, LA	Shuttle Tank Barge Transfers oil from the DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	
EVI KNUTSEN	Norway	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in area of Loop Anchorage	The tanker will store oil processed by the TOISA PISCES which has no storage capacity
				Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
NAVION FENNIA	Bahamas	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker	DP trials with TOISA PISCES completed, no discrepancies noted
				Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
SEILLEAN	Panama	Arrived at Galveston, TX 23 July	Containment USCG inspection team will complete Port State Control Exam prior to depart for MC252	Capacity is 310,000 bbls. Standing by at anchorage offshore Houston-Galveston ship channel. T-time is 0 hours
OVERSEAS CASCADE	United States	Standing by in field	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in the field	On standby in the field. T-time is 0 hours

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
TOISA PISCES	Liberia	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by for production/containment	The vessel is expected to hook up to the CDP-2 free standing riser to continuously process oil. T-Time 0 hours
SEACOR RIGOROUS	United States	At staging area	Support	Deployed 12" lightering transfer hose that will be used between HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
LA CHEVAL	United States	At staging area	Support	Hose and assist HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
NORMAND FORTRESS	Norway	On location	Construction support Standing by for lightering if needed	Install the pipeline crossing for the 2 subsea pipeline alternatives
HOS ACHIEVER	Vanuatu	On-scene	Dispersant Injection	
BOA DEEP C	Spain	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
BOA SUB C	Malta	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
HOS CENTERLINE	United States	On-scene	DDII Support	
BJ BLUE DOLPHIN	United States	On-scene	DDIII Support	

CRITICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: (Critical Resources Unit 10 August)

- The list of International offers of Assistance will be posted to HSIN on Monday evenings at 1900EDT
- **International Offers of Assistance: Government to Government**
 - As of 10 August, the NIC has received 68 offers from 33 countries and International Organizations
 - 41 offers were for critical resources, 40 have been accepted
 - In total, 47 govt and Intl Org offers have been accepted to date
- **International Offers of Assistance: Private, Government and IMO Facilitated**
 - As of 10 August, the NIC has received 58 offers of assistance from private companies
 - 25 offers were submitted directly by private entities
 - 33 offers were facilitated by foreign governments or the IMO
 - 34 offers were for critical resources, 6 offers have been accepted
- **Domestic Offers of Resources**
 - As of 10 August, the NIC has received 78 domestic offers
 - 20 originated through the Homeport website
 - 9 offers have been accepted
 - 27 offers were for critical resources; none have been accepted

- **Skimmers (DWH AAG 0700EDT 06 August)**

Foreign Skimmers	Domestic Skimmers	Navy Skimmers	Skimmers Freed up by Emergency Rule
49	835	54	27

- As of 10 August, 835 Skimmers now in theatre. Skimmer numbers published on "Deepwater Horizon At A Glance" daily slide.
- State by State listing of all Inshore and Near Shore skimmers now listed in NIC Deepwater Horizon Response "At a Glance" spreadsheet.
- UAC confirms 309 skimmers delivered on 19 July. (UAC 1600EDT 29 July)
- Number of foreign skimmers in theatre recently verified by UAC CRU (1600EDT 29 July).

- **Domestic Sources:**

Homeport website to collect skimmer availability went live on 01 July at 0900.

- **DOD: RFA 78B**

In theater: 23 offshore skimmers, 27 shallow water skimmers, 4 Harbor Busters, and 35 tow boats.

CLEAN- UP/RESPONSE OPERATIONS SHORESIDE: (DWH AAG 0641 EDT 10 August)

	LA	MS	AL	FL	TX	TOTAL
Current Miles of Shoreline Impact	387.1	116.3	75.5	87.1	0	666.0
People Assigned	1,209	876	1,824	1,587	0	5,496

TEXAS:

SHORELINE: No SCAT currently scheduled.

INSHORE: Total recovered to date 117.67 cubic yards of oily solids.

NEARSHORE: NSTR

OFFSHORE: NSTR

LOUISIANA:

OFFSHORE: Currently only sheening found, not suspected to be MC 252 oil.

SHORELINE: Currently Oiled: Heavy to Moderate: 123.6 miles; Light to Trace: 263.5 miles; Total: 387.1 miles.

INSHORE: Currently only light oiling found.

TOTAL BARRELS COLLECTED ONSHORE/NEARSHORE: 1 bbl (0 bbls collected offshore)

MISSISSIPPI:

SHORELINE: Crews responded to light impact of tarballs in Hancock County. Crews continued cleanup on Harrison County beaches, Petit Bois, Cat, Horn, and Ship Islands. Crews conducted night operations on Hancock Beach.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 10.7 miles; Light to trace: total 105.6 miles; Total: 116.3 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom recovery, environmental sampling, wildlife support and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling for skimmable oil patches/sheen. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

ALABAMA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in Alabama. Crews continued manual beach cleaning throughout their area of responsibility. Beach cleaning machines conducted night operations on Dauphin Island and in Baldwin County.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 5.0 miles; Light to trace: total 70.5 miles; Total: 75.5 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom recovery, environmental sampling, wildlife support and tarball collection. All skimmers have been removed from Baldwin County and sent to decontamination.

Task Forces in Mobile County continued scouting and patrolling for skimmable oil patches/sheen. All decontamination sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma will retain tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

FLORIDA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in the state of FL; re-oiling reported in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Mechanical beach cleaning continued in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Night operations continued in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 3.1 miles; Light to trace: total 84.0 miles; Total: 87.1 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom recovery, environmental sampling, wildlife support and tarball collection. Inland Water Strike Teams operated in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Gulf, Frankin, Wakulla, and Jefferson Counties. Strike Teams 9 and 10 have been dry staged. All remaining Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling for skimmable oil and boom removal. Optimization of offshore VOO fleet size continues. All decontamination sites continued building up capacity.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma retains tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

SAFETY/PERSONNEL CASUALTIES:

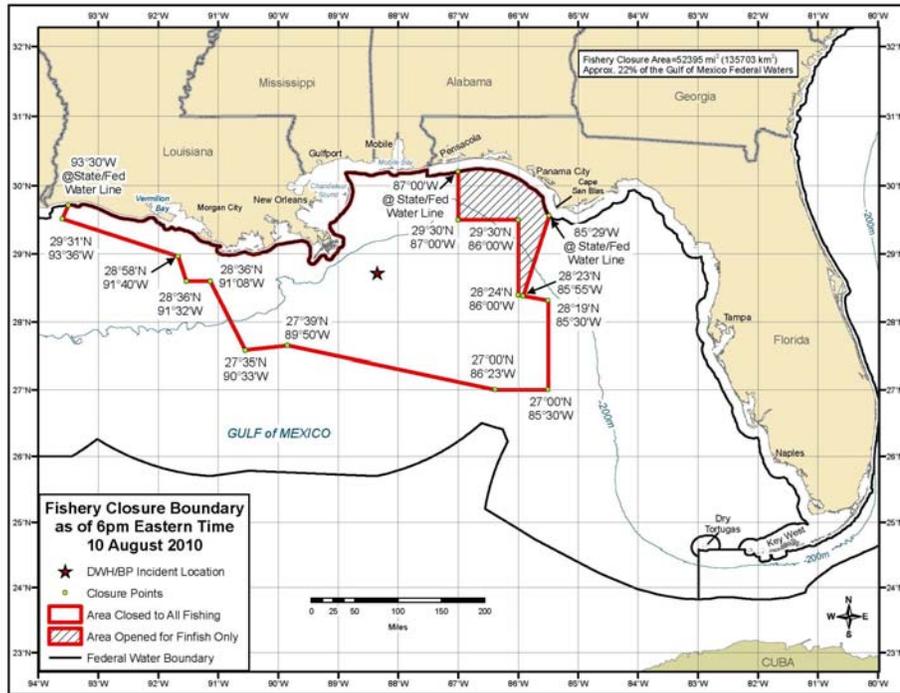
FOB Grand Isle reports 24' vessel with outboard motors sunk near Raccoon Bayou. FOB Grand Isle advised that vessel is part of Deepwater Horizon Response. Two p.o.b., both are unharmed.

Owner/Operator reports that the vessel hit an unknown object at approximately 10:55am and began taking on water. Vessel settled on bottom in four (4) feet of water. Crane barge arrived on scene and removed boat from the water and onto the barge. Barge currently en route to Grand Isle to patch hole and rejoin response. Unknown if there was pollution resulting from incident, however initial report stated that 30 gallons of gasoline were onboard at the time of the sinking. The vessels activity was unknown at the time of the sinking. The boat is described as a flat-bottom mud boat with 200 HP outboard engines. (NIC Bulletin

FISHERY CLOSURE AREA MODIFICATION:

Effective August 10, 2010 at 1800EDT, NMFS will re-open the western panhandle area of the closed Federal waters to finfish only. This re-opening is 5,144 square miles and represents 9 percent of the current closed area. The new area of the closed area will measure 52,395 SQUARE MILES OR

APPROXIMATELY 22 PERCENT OF THE Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico once the re-opening becomes effective.



OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:

(NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 2048 EDT 10 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining	\$21,326,155.40
Fed Project Ceiling	\$541,767,579.00
Obligated funds to Date	\$445,408,246.06
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining	\$96,359,332.94

BP CLAIMS SUMMARY: (BP Claims 10 August)

- Total Number of Claims: 146,267
- Total Amount Disbursed: \$329,556,948
- Number of Claims Denied: 0
- Number of Checks Disbursed: 108,471

BP CLAIMS CALL CENTER (Last 24 Hours): (BP Claims 10 August)

- Calls Received: 929
- Call operators: 154
- Checks written: 2,584
- Managers/adjusters in field: 1,250
- Community Offices and Claim Centers: 36

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (IC/AC Sit Briefing 10 August)

- Well Integrity:
 - Continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
- DD III Relief Wells:
 - Pull out of hole
 - Perform ranging run #15
 - Run in hole and drill 30'
- Static Kill:
 - Continue monitoring well integrity
- DD II, ENTERPRISE, HELIX PRODUCER: On stand by

NIC STRATEGIC EFFORTS:

- **FRTG Flow Rate Analysis**

On 31 July the Government released new daily estimates of oil flow based on the best available data. Total discharge is estimated at 4.93 million barrels with an uncertainty of +/- 10%. The cumulative range of oil released during the event estimated to be between 4,435,260 and 5,420,820 barrels. The revised estimates that the discharge rates ranged from 62,000 bbl/day at the start of the incident to 53,000 bbl/day when the well was capped on 15 July with an uncertainty factor of $\pm 10\%$. The uncertainty factor in the best government estimate was used to create a Higher Flow Estimate and a Lower Flow Estimate report in the Oil Budget Tool. Based on reports of major explosions and burning oil from the first two days of the incident (20-21 April), the FRTG estimate begins on 22 April. In general, the discharge rate trended down over time due to decreasing pressure observed after the well was capped. Severing the riser on 04 June (Day 45), resulted in an estimate of discharge increase of approximately 4%. The Oil budget Calculator was updated on 31 July using the revised Government flow estimates.
- **International Engagement Strategy**

NIC Strategic Planning staff continues to coordinate with DoS to provide information to countries requesting DWH related information. A Mexican scientific delegation visited the NIC on 04 August. NOAA presentation to the delegation was held at DoS. There were approximately 30 participants including 15 Mexican representatives and others from NOAA, EPA, USGS, BOEM, USCG, and DOS.
- **Hurricane/Severe Weather Contingency Plan**

DWH Severe Weather Contingency Plan (SWCP) revision 5 is available on HSIN. Members can access and distribute as needed. The current plan is digitally searchable.
- **NIC Strategy Implementation**

NIC Strategy Implementation version 3.0 has been signed and is available via HSIN in the Interagency Strategic Planning folder. A draft NIC Strategy Implementation version 4.0 is in progress and is being distributed to IASG for comment.
- **Transition Planning**

The first draft of the NIC Transition Plan is complete and is being forwarded to interagency for review. The NIC functional transition will be driven by conditions and as these conditions are met, they will drive the evolution to a RIC. The RIC will be an interim construct, similar to the NIC yet with reduced functions and authorities. The RIC will continue to provide federal oversight to the ongoing response and recovery efforts.



National Incident Commander Daily Situation Update

0430EDT 11 August 2010

Case 4 - H0430EDT 11 August 2010 All emails sent by "Richard Windsor" were sent by EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson

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(Updates in RED)

- **NIC Lessons Learned**

NIC Strategic Planning has developed a NIC focused Lessons Learned and Best Practices Plan. The intent of this plan is to capture lessons learned and best practices from all NIC team members, plans, policies, procedures, and response systems and to incorporate them into LLIS. The NIC Lessons Learned/Best Practices form is available on HSIN on the Deepwater Horizon MC252 home page under national level reports and is also available in the Strategic Plans public folder at \\HQS-nas-t-001\NIC-MS252\NIC-HQ-Strategic-Plans\Strategic Planning Topics\Lessons Learned\LL Plan & Forms (final).



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Media

NOLA JIC

- C144 Overflight of well site

MOBILE JIC

- Mobile Press Register – Bayou La Batre oil spill cleanup on 8/6 (not a Deepwater Horizon slick)

HOUMA JIC

- Four members from the 'Portland to the Gulf' team were escorted by Captain Tate Grossman to a beach cleanup site on Timbalier Island, La., to gather imagery. Team members' backgrounds range from journalism to environmental research. Their aim is to raise awareness toward on-going issues in the Gulf Coast Region.
- Rear Admiral Zukunft visited the Hammond Rehab Facility today for a tour.
- 62 birds were released today at Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge at 0600 - species include: roseate spoonbills, skimmers, gulls and terns.

FLORIDA PENINSULAR JIC

- No engagement with national media

Social Media

- The need for both short-term and long-term action to ensure Gulf seafood is both safe and perceived to be safe to consume, free of oil and other contaminants.
- Concern expressed about the long-term commitment to clean up the Gulf.
- Reports on the progress of the relief well (bottom kill)
- Discussion on backlog of unpaid claims by BP.

Administration Wide Response

- NIC Admiral Thad Allen and Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner reiterated the administration's commitment to long-term recovery in the Gulf Coast and to completing the relief well to ensure the well is permanently sealed.
- As pressure tests showed that the procedure to prevent any more oil from spilling with a cement plug appears to have succeeded, Development Driller III continues the drilling of the relief well to ensure the well is permanently sealed. The NOAA Ship Henry B. Bigelow continues conducting acoustic surveys in order to ensure the integrity of the wellhead—part of continued efforts to use the best scientific tools available in response to the BP oil spill.
- 279 field personnel, 84 vessels and four helicopters participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions.

Government Relations

- 0600 International Observers Program/ Canadian Coast Guard visit UAC
- 0900 BOEM – Director Bromwich Public Forum in Mobile, AL.
- 0900 MS State Representatives visit to ICP Mobile for tour and briefing with MS State officials
- 1000 NGO attended The Turtle Town Hall Press briefing



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Key Message/Messages

"We believe that we have filled the casing with cement and have secured that part of the well. The job before us now is to finish the relief well, to enter the annulus from the bottom, assess its condition, and then seal the well with cement from the bottom up. That will, in our view, at that point, permanently kill the well."
Adm. Thad Allen

Key Efforts

TOMORROW'S EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Wednesday, August 11

0600 International Observers Program to visit Houma, La.
0700 RDML Cari Thomas to visit Houma, La.
0900 BOEM – Dir. Bromwich Public Forum in Pensacola, Fla.
1000 RADM Whitehead to visit ICP Mobile
1145 ADM Allen to visit ICP Mobile for walkthrough and all-hands meeting
TBD State Elected Officials & Parish Presidents Overflight (NOLA/Grand Isle)
TBD NOAA Marine & Aviation Ops Center RADM Kenul (ICP Houma)
TBD Terrebonne Parish District Board meeting
TBD RDML Cari Thomas, Tracen Cape May to visit UAC
TBD Branch St. Petersburg LNO will coordinate a phone conference this week with Sarasota County and their local Sierra Club to address wildlife concerns.
TBD Branch Jacksonville is coordinating DWH community outreach Q&A meetings with Fernandina Beach and Brevard Counties.

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Thursday, August 12

0830 Senator Sessions requests a transition plan briefing at ICP Mobile. Staff Pete Landrum and Valerie Day to attend.
1500 Secretary Salazar and guests visit UAC
TBD NIC Visit (Plaquemines Parish)
TBD USCG, NIC briefing on the Incident Command Transition Strategy and its impact for Alabama with Senator Sessions (AL) & Staff
TBD ADM Allen to tour Barataria Bay
TBD VADM John Currier, CG Chief of Staff visit to UAC

Friday, August 13

1030 Parish President's Briefing in Houma, La.

Monday, August 16

TBD VADM Robert Parker, Lantarea to visit UAC



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Tuesday, August 17

TBD USCG COMDT visit to Pensacola USCG cutters

Trends and Issues:

- ICP-Houma connected White House Liaisons with UAC for Department of Commerce Secretary Locke visit (Plaquemines/St. Bernard Parish)
- Expect trips to coastal areas to be cancelled through Sunday due to upcoming severe weather system. ICP Houma has implemented severe weather plan.

Inquires

Intergovernmental Congressional August 10, 2010

New Inquiries Opened Today	0	0
Total Inquiries Open To Date (since 6/26 – add yesterday’s total to new inquiries)	70	120
Inquiries Closed Today	0	0
Total Inquires Closed To Date (since 6/26 – add yesterday’s to new inquiries closed)	62	105
Inquiries Currently Pending Response	0	0

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New Inquiries	3
New Inquiries	0
Inquiries Pending	2

What Others Are Saying

Social Media

Communication Statistics:

Facebook Followers: 39,242 (-34)

Twitter Followers: 8,511 (-2): Lists: 728 (+1)



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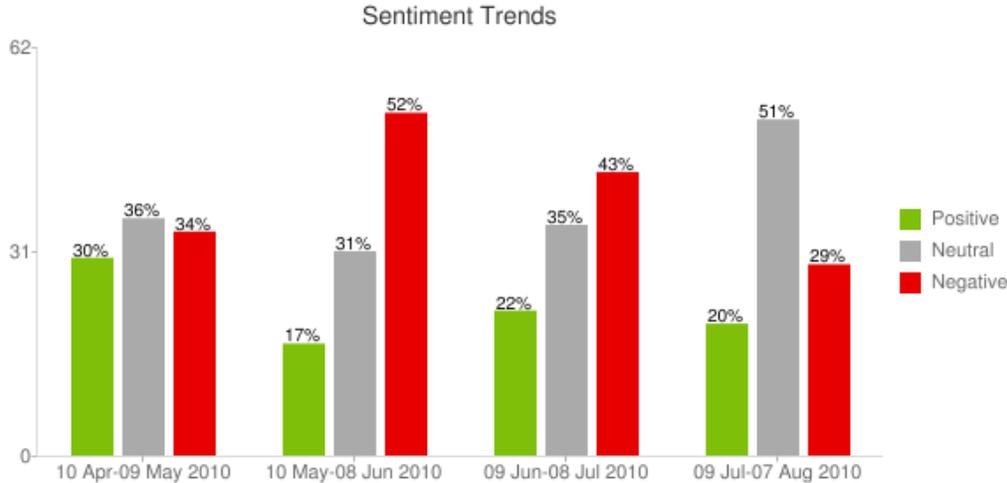
YouTube Views: 2,570,108 (+804): Videos: 135 (0): Subscribers: 1889 (+13)

Flickr Views: 249,321 (+664) Photos: 1069 (0):

Total Website Hits: 140,330,190 Daily Website Hits: (297,461)

Total number of opt-ins for SMS new alerts: 6430 (+26)

Sentiment Trends:



Facebook Trends:

- A noteworthy number of comments expressed the desire to see new timely content. One commenter expressed the perception that DHR does not have answers to posted questions.
Talking points needed to follow up on messaging strategy.
- Continued to be skepticism of the “vanishing oil” reports, with oil and tar balls still visible on beaches. The “oil budget” calculations persist to be questioned.
Talking points needed to follow up on the cleanup efforts. There is a significant amount of disbelief in that the oil is gone for good. We need to be able to provide answers on the plan going forward.
- Constant concern regarding the long-term plan to ensure Gulf seafood is safe to consume and free of oil or other contaminants. Are oil and dispersants making their way into the food chain?
Talking points needed to reassure the public and provide detailed information about the food safety assurance methodology, types of tests, and outline of process's along with data results.
- Long term commitment to the cleanup is being discussed across Facebook. The perception is that now the well is capped, clean up operations are being cut back.
Talking points needed to reassure public on overall plan for clean up and how it will affect them and the Gulf environment. In particular, restatement of the mission to include long term restoration activities after the “bottom kill”.
- Chronic apprehension from a small group of vocal commenter’s about dispersants, the amount used and how it will affect the environment and seafood of the Gulf for the long term. Another group of followers are refuting the claims of the group mentioned above.

Twitter Trends:

- BP not paying Oil Spill Claims
- Oil spill crews in Gulf eye storms off Florida, worry of development into tropical storm

**Blog Trends:**

- Concern over the perceived safety of Gulf seafood in both the short and long term.
- Skeptics do not believe the oil has really dissipated. Corollary issue is the ongoing commitment to clean up efforts.
- The cost of the response to date and the claims process were trending.

UNIFIED AREA COMMAND MEDIA ANALYSIS*Media Analysis*

Although most of the media outlets have shifted attention to the unfortunate passing of Alaska Senator Ted Stevens, during the later part of the afternoon media outlets have sustained coverage of the hiatus of well relief operations. The few outlets focusing on Deepwater Horizon operations continue to pay attention to the perceived effects of the oil spill on gulf seafood and wildlife as well as an overall assessment of the disaster. Also, event litigation has commenced and is being highlighted.

*Media Review***Analysis: BP's spill clean-up now shifts to the lawyers**

CNBC WILMINGTON, Delaware - As BP Plc works on plugging up its blown-out oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, the clean-up is shifting from the engineers to the lawyers. The legal cases against BP and others are only beginning, and lawyers involved predict the ultimate cost may exceed the \$20 billion the company has promised for a claims fund. <http://www.cnbc.com/id/38645336>

Off-shore drilling ban unlikely to be unextended

By the CNN Wire Staff Mobile, Alabama (CNN) -- The man who has taken over the government agency that regulates off-shore drilling said Tuesday he can't see the Obama administration's ban on the practice "lasting longer than November 30." "Obviously, we can't predict everything that we learn or everything that may happen in the outside world before then, but [Interior] Secretary [Ken] Salazar thought that was an appropriate ending point. I see no information so far that would justify extending the moratorium... not impossible but unlikely," said Michael Bromwich, the head of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (the former Minerals Management Service).

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/US/08/10/gulf.oil.disaster/?hpt=T2#fbid=0SzJvf8xQEn&wom=false>

Threat of severe weather suspends drilling operations in gulf

St. Petersburg Times Drilling operations at the Deepwater Horizon oil site were suspended Tuesday as a huge low-pressure system in the southeastern Gulf of Mexico appeared likely to develop into a tropical system.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/weather/hurricanes/threat-of-severe-weather-suspends-drilling-operations-in-gulf/1114346>

NOAA reopens over 5,000 square miles of Gulf waters for finfish fishing after one month of no oil in area

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BNO NEWS) — The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on Tuesday announced that 5,144 square miles of Gulf waters to commercial and recreational finfish fishing have been reopened. The reopening was announced after consultation with FDA and under a re-opening protocol agreed to by NOAA, the FDA, and the Gulf states. NOAA data have shown no oil in the area since July 3, and United States Coast Guard observers flying over the area in the last 30 days have also not observed any oil. <http://wireupdate.com/wires/8541/noaa-reopens-over-5000-square-miles-of-gulf-waters-for-finfish-fishing-after-one-month-of-no-oil-in-area>

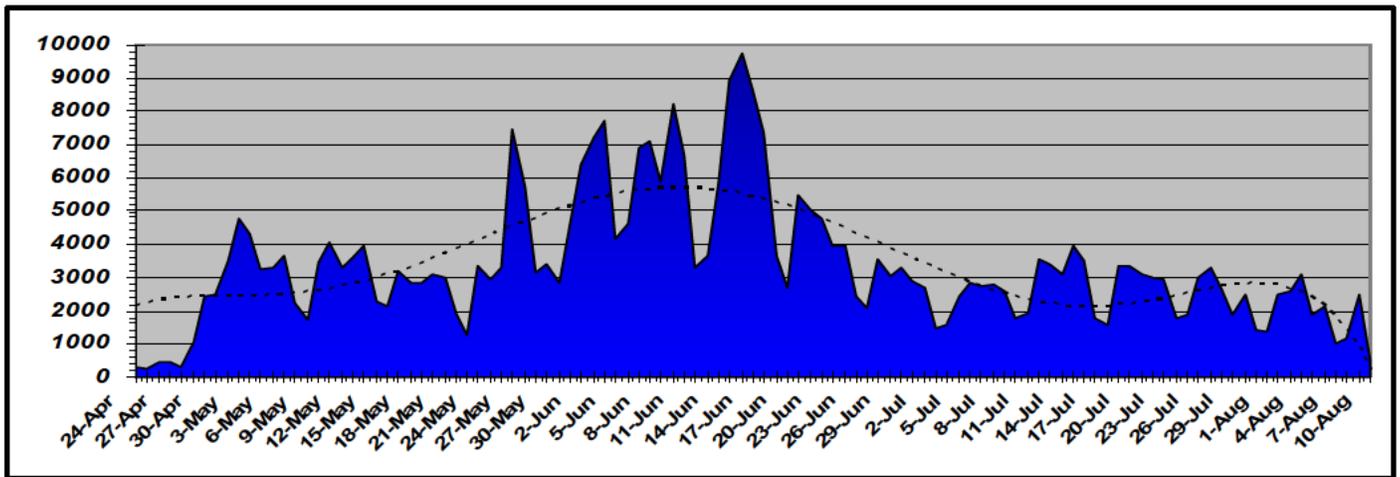


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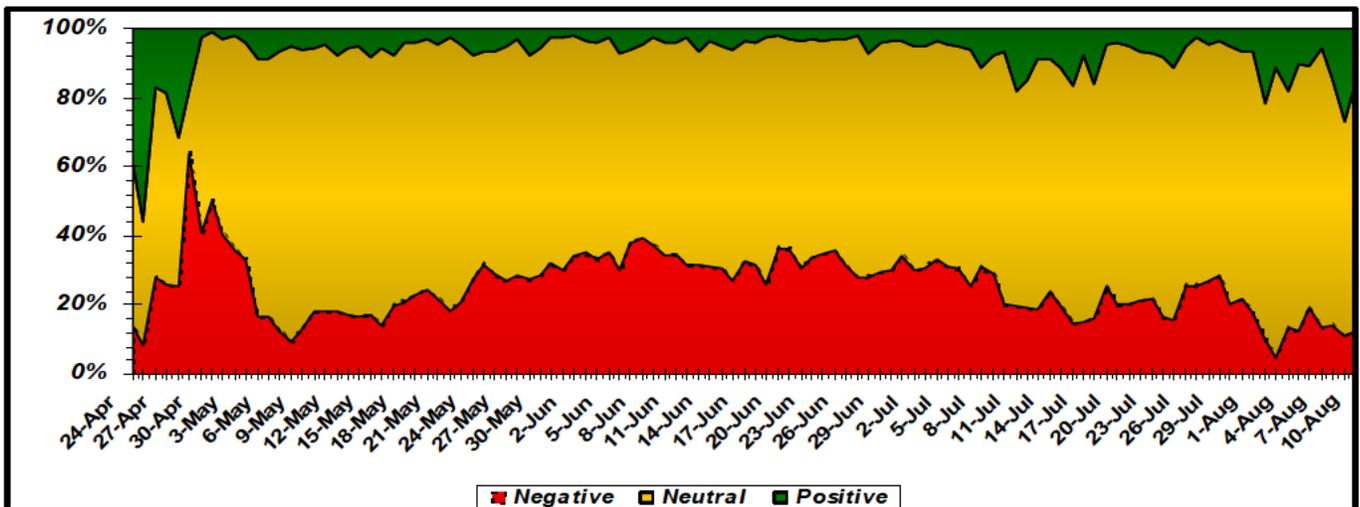
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Sunday, August 01, 2010	77	746	142	295	114
Monday, August 02, 2010	77	1318	418	478	175
Tuesday, August 03, 2010	88	1262	397	608	254
Wednesday, August 04, 2010	69	1694	418	673	229
Thursday, August 05, 2010	89	840	359	459	131
Friday, August 06, 2010	73	1155	308	465	133
Saturday, August 07, 2010	45	598	105	194	92
Sunday, August 08, 2010	52	725	102	215	69
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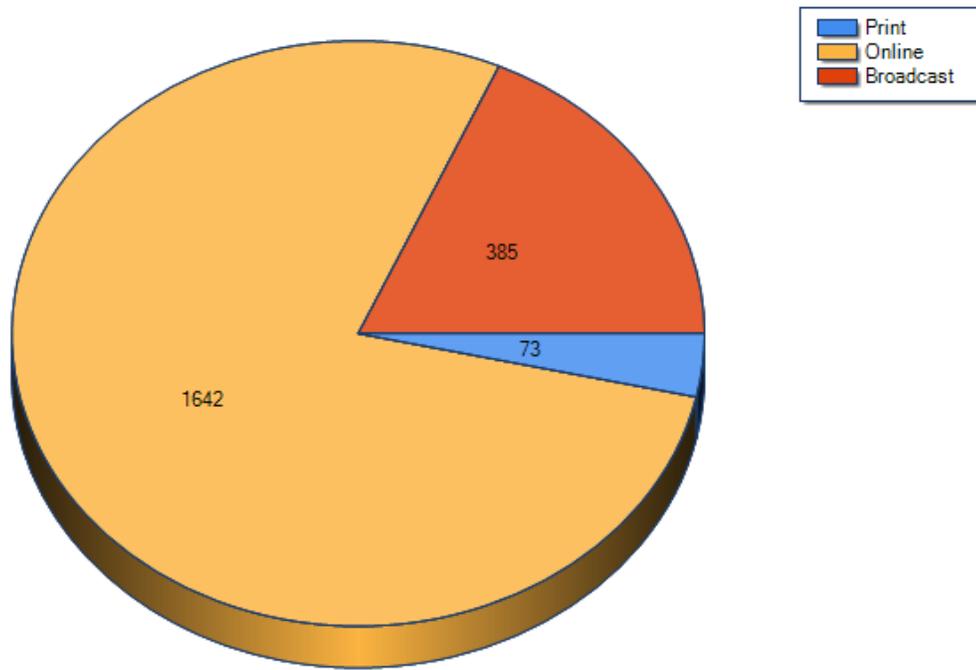
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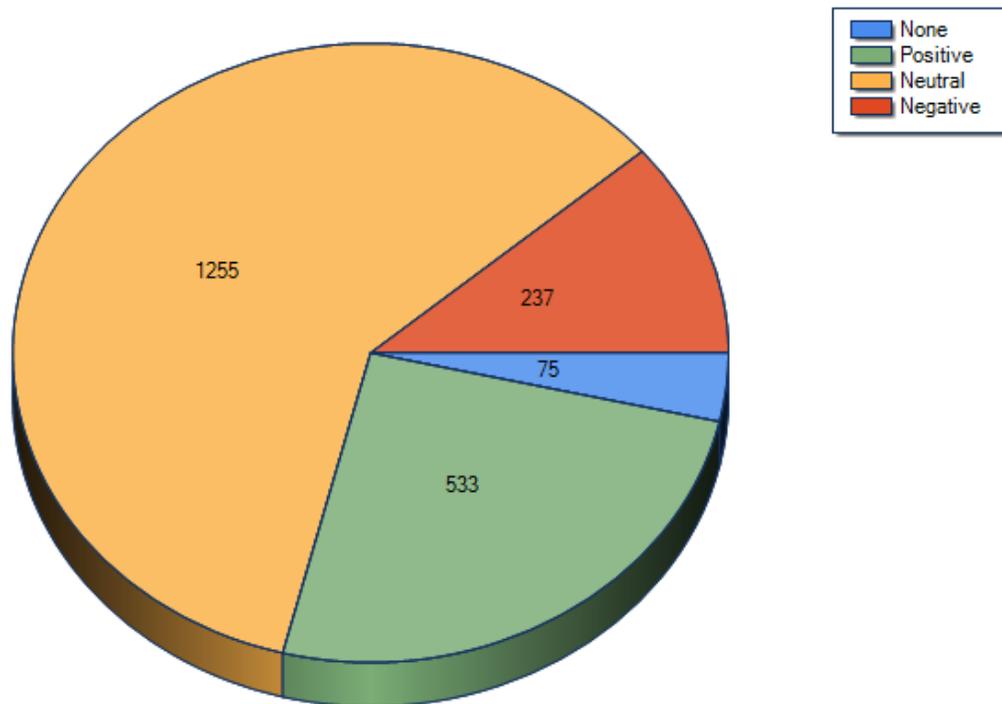


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Admiral Allen Provides an Update on the BP Oil Spill Response

National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen provided a briefing to inform the American public and answer questions on the administration-wide response to the BP oil spill. A full transcript is available [here](#).

Admiral Allen reported on the decision to temporarily suspend drilling of the relief well—a necessary step to ensure the well is permanently sealed—as a precautionary measure due to the threat of severe weather. He also described the ongoing effort to clean up impacted shorelines: “We continue our aggressive search for oil—whether it’s onshore or in the marshes—to make sure we’re being responsive to oil that does appear,” he said. “As we stated before, there’s little to no oil offshore at this point, so most of our effort has been at tar balls in the marsh area of Louisiana.”

NOAA Re-Opens More than 5,000 Square Miles of Gulf Waters to Commercial and Recreational Fishing; Approximately 78 Percent of Gulf Waters Are Open

NOAA reopened 5,144 square miles of Gulf waters to commercial and recreational finfish fishing. The reopening was announced after consultation with FDA and under a re-opening protocol agreed to by NOAA, the FDA, and the Gulf states. The closed area now measures 52,395 miles—or 22 percent of the federal waters in the Gulf—down from 37 percent at its height.

Since July 3, NOAA data have shown no oil in the area, and Coast Guard observers flying over the area in the last 30 days have also not observed any oil. Trajectory models show the area is at a low risk for future exposure to oil and, most importantly, fish caught in the area and tested by NOAA experts have shown no signs of contamination. NOAA will continue to collect samples for testing from the newly re-opened area, and the agency has also implemented dockside sampling to test fish caught throughout the Gulf by commercial fishermen. For more information, [click here](#).



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Director Bromwich Hosts Fact-Finding Forum in Mobile

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement Director Michael R. Bromwich hosted the second in a series of public forums in Mobile, Ala.—designed to collect information and views from academia; the environmental community; federal, state and local officials; and the oil and gas industry on technical issues related to deepwater drilling safety reforms, well containment, and oil spill response.

Director Bromwich will consider this feedback in evaluating whether to recommend any modifications to the scope or duration of the deepwater drilling suspensions announced by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on July 12. The first meeting was held last week in New Orleans.

62 Rehabilitated Birds Released Back to Wild

As part of continued efforts to protect wildlife and wildlife habitats in the Gulf of Mexico, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries released 62 rehabilitated birds—including roseate spoonbills, skimmers, gulls, and terns—back to the wild at the Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge. This was the fourth bird release within the State of Louisiana. To date, more than 800 birds have been released throughout the Gulf Coast since the BP oil spill began.

FWS Personnel Continue Wildlife Rescue and Recovery Missions Across the Region

From the Houma, La., Incident Command Post, 271 field personnel, 86 vessels, four helicopters and one float plane participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions. From the Mobile, Ala., Incident Command Post, wildlife recovery teams responded to 34 calls on the Wildlife Hotline. To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.

Approved SBA Economic Injury Assistance Loans Surpass \$20.3 Million

SBA has approved 232 economic injury assistance loans to date, totaling more than \$20.3 million for small businesses in the Gulf Coast impacted by the BP oil spill. Additionally, the agency has granted deferments on 789 existing SBA disaster loans in the region, totaling more than \$4.3 million per month in payments. For information on assistance loans for affected businesses, visit the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, call (800) 659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.



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Administration Continues to Oversee BP's Claims Process

The administration will continue to hold the responsible parties accountable for repairing the damage, and repaying Americans who've suffered a financial loss as a result of the BP oil spill. To date, 146,267 claims have been opened, from which more than \$329 million have been disbursed. No claims have been denied to date. There are 1,250 claims adjusters on the ground. To file a claim, visit www.bp.com/claims or call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118. Additional information about the BP claims process and all available avenues of assistance can be found at www.disasterassistance.gov.

By the Numbers to Date:

The administration has authorized the deployment of 17,500 National Guard troops from Gulf Coast states to respond to this crisis; currently, 1,448 are active.

Approximately 31,200 personnel are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines.

More than 5,000 vessels are currently responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.

Approximately 2.48 million feet of containment boom* and 8.74 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed to contain the spill—and approximately 1.16 million feet of containment boom and 3.31 million feet of sorbent boom are available.

More than 34.7 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.

Approximately 1.84 million gallons of total dispersant have been applied—1.07 million on the surface and 771,000 sub-sea. Approximately 577,000 gallons are available.

411 controlled burns have been conducted, efficiently removing a total of more than 11.14 million gallons of oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife. Because calculations on the volume of oil burned can take more than 48 hours, the reported total volume may not reflect the most recent controlled burns.

17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines.



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Approximately 666 miles of Gulf Coast shoreline is currently oiled—approximately 387 miles in Louisiana, 116 miles in Mississippi, 76 miles in Alabama, and 87 miles in Florida. These numbers reflect a daily snapshot of shoreline currently experiencing impacts from oil so that planning and field operations can more quickly respond to new impacts; they do not include cumulative impacts to date, or shoreline that has already been cleared.

Approximately 52,395 square miles of Gulf of Mexico federal waters remain closed to fishing in order to balance economic and public health concerns. Approximately 78 percent remains open. Details can be found at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.

To date, the administration has leveraged assets and skills from numerous foreign countries and international organizations as part of this historic, all-hands-on-deck response, including Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, the United Nations' International Maritime Organization, the European Union's Monitoring and Information Centre, and the European Maritime Safety Agency.

**The decrease in boom numbers is due to the continued recovery of displaced boom. Once recovered, this boom must be decontaminated, repaired, inspected, and certified before being staged or redeployed. New boom is being deployed in some areas.*



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LOOP CURRENT

Deepwater Horizon MC252

Loop Current Location Relative to Oil Slick

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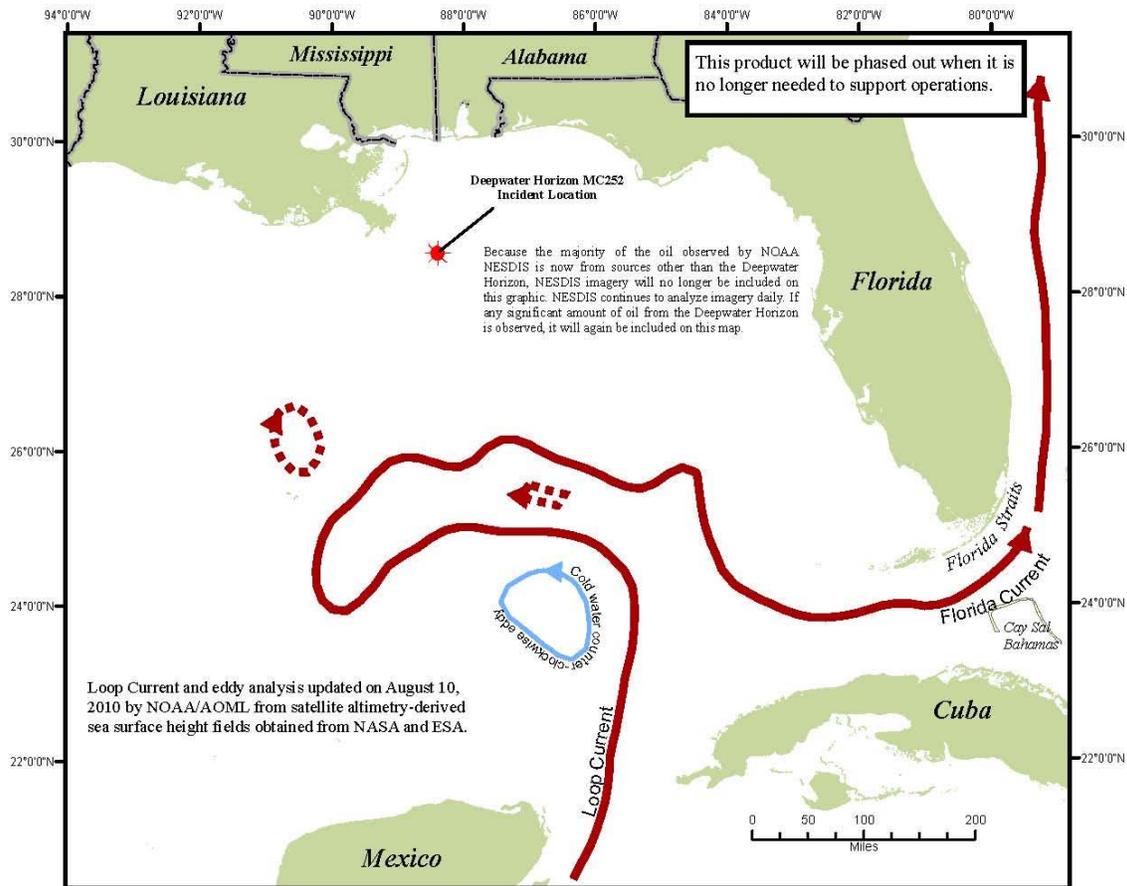


The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is closely monitoring the Deepwater Horizon MC252 (BP oil spill) slick's proximity to the Loop Current in the Gulf of Mexico.

- The Loop Current is an area of warm water that comes up from the Caribbean, flowing past the Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico) and into the Gulf of Mexico.
- It generally curves east across the Gulf and then flows south parallel to the west Florida coast; there it becomes the Florida Current as it moves through the Florida Straits, joins the Gulf Stream and travels up the Atlantic Coast, veering progressively farther away from the coast.
- Sometimes the northern part of the Loop Current separates from the main Loop Current, forming a large rotating region of water, known as an eddy.
- There are also smaller eddys that form along the edges of the Loop Current.

Both the location of the Loop Current and location of the oil slick are dynamic and constantly changing. The present location of the oil is identified daily through analysis of satellite imagery, observer overflights and advanced technology on aircraft. This information is also keeping us informed of how far away the oil is from the Loop Current each day. If oil from the spill enters the Loop Current, it would take at least a few days or more to reach the Florida Straits. During this transit time, the natural processes of evaporation and dispersion would reduce the oil volume significantly, and make it less toxic. The remaining oil would be mostly in the form of tarballs.

The figure below, depicts the present location of the Loop Current and the location of the Deepwater Horizon well. There has been no indication of oil in or near the Loop Current for over seven weeks, the well has not released any significant oil since July 15 and there has been no oil observed on the water surface for a number of days; therefore, at present there is no risk of the Loop Current transporting oil. NOAA will continue to monitor the situation daily until further notice.



This product will be phased out when it is no longer needed to support operations.

Because the majority of the oil observed by NOAA NESDIS is now from sources other than the Deepwater Horizon, NESDIS imagery will no longer be included on this graphic. NESDIS continues to analyze imagery daily. If any significant amount of oil from the Deepwater Horizon is observed, it will again be included on this map.

Loop Current and eddy analysis updated on August 10, 2010 by NOAA/AOML from satellite altimetry-derived sea surface height fields obtained from NASA and ESA.

Map prepared August 10, 2010 by NOAA Emergency Response Division



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FISHERIES STATUS

Southeast Fishery Bulletin

National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701-5505

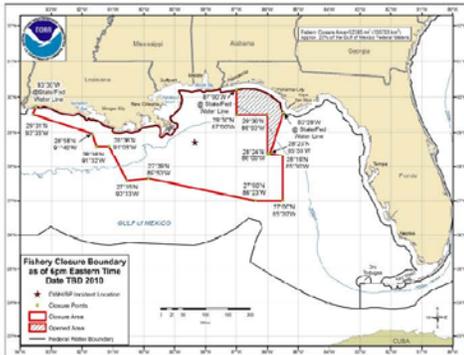
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BP Oil Spill: NOAA Re-opens Federal Waters off the Florida Panhandle to Commercial and Recreational Finfish Fishing

Effective **August 10, 2010 at 6 p.m. eastern time** (5 p.m. central time), NOAA will reopen to **finfish harvest only**, 5,144 square miles (13,323 sq km) of area it had previously closed to commercial and recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico in response to the BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Fishing for non-fish species, such as shrimp, is still prohibited in this area.

documented in the area since July 3. Trajectory models show the area is at a low risk for future exposure to oil. NOAA collected 153 finfish from this area, including commercially and recreationally important species, such as grouper, snapper, tuna, and mahi mahi. Sensory testing showed no detectable oil or dispersant odors or flavors in the samples, and the results of chemical analysis were well below levels of concern.



Map Link:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/deepwater_horizon/BP_OilSpill_FisheryClosureMap_081010.pdf

The area closed to all fishing now measures 52,395 sq mi (135,703 sq km) and covers about 22% of the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone. All commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in this closed area. Transit through the closed area is allowed. NOAA will continue to evaluate the need for fisheries closures based on the evolving nature of the spill and will re-open closed areas as appropriate.

The re-opened area was originally closed because oil was present in the area; however, no oil has been

NOAA continues to work closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the states to ensure seafood safety, by closing fishing areas where tainted seafood could potentially be caught, and assessing whether seafood is tainted or contaminated to levels that pose a risk to human health. NOAA and FDA are working together to sample seafood from inside and outside the closure area, as well as dockside- and market-based sampling.

The area closed to all fishing is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following coordinates:

North latitude	West longitude
At state/federal line	87° 00'
29° 30'	87° 00'
29° 30'	86° 00'
28° 24'	86° 00'
28° 19'	85° 30'
27° 00'	85° 30'
27° 00'	86° 23'
27° 39'	89° 50'
27° 35'	90° 33'
28° 36'	91° 08'
28° 36'	91° 32'
28° 58'	91° 40'
29° 31'	93° 36'
At the state/federal line	93° 30'
Follow the state/federal water line easterly to beginning point	



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The area reopened to finfish harvest only is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following coordinates:

North latitude	West longitude
At state/federal line	85° 29'
28° 23'	85° 55'
28° 24'	86° 00'
29° 30'	86° 00'
29° 30'	87° 00'
At the state/federal line	87° 00'
Follow the state/federal water line easterly to beginning point	

Reminders

Modeling and mapping the actual and projected spill

Ways to Receive Closure Information:

- Sign up for Southeast Fishery Bulletins: send an email to: SERO.Communications.Comments@noaa.gov
- Call 1-800-627-NOAA (1-800-627-6622) to hear a recording of the current coordinates (with messages in Spanish and Vietnamese)
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for updates
- Sign up for text messages on your cell phone: text fishing@gulf to 84469 (for more information, visit <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/558107>)
- Follow us on Twitter: usnoaagov to get a tweet when the closed area changes

area is not an exact science. NOAA Fisheries Service strongly advises fishermen not to fish in areas where oil or oil sheens (very thin layers of floating oil) are present, even if those areas are not currently closed to fishing.

If state waters are closed to fishing due to the oil spill, all vessels must comply with that closure. If state waters are not closed to fishing due to the oil spill, federally permitted vessels may fish in those waters while abiding by all other applicable regulations.

Permit holders are reminded to maintain their federal vessel permits by submitting timely reporting requirements and renewal applications, even if the vessel is not currently engaged in fishing activities.

Links for more information:

Southeast Regional Office's Web page:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm

NOAA's National Ocean Service

<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov>

Deepwater Horizon Response

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call 1-800-440-0858.



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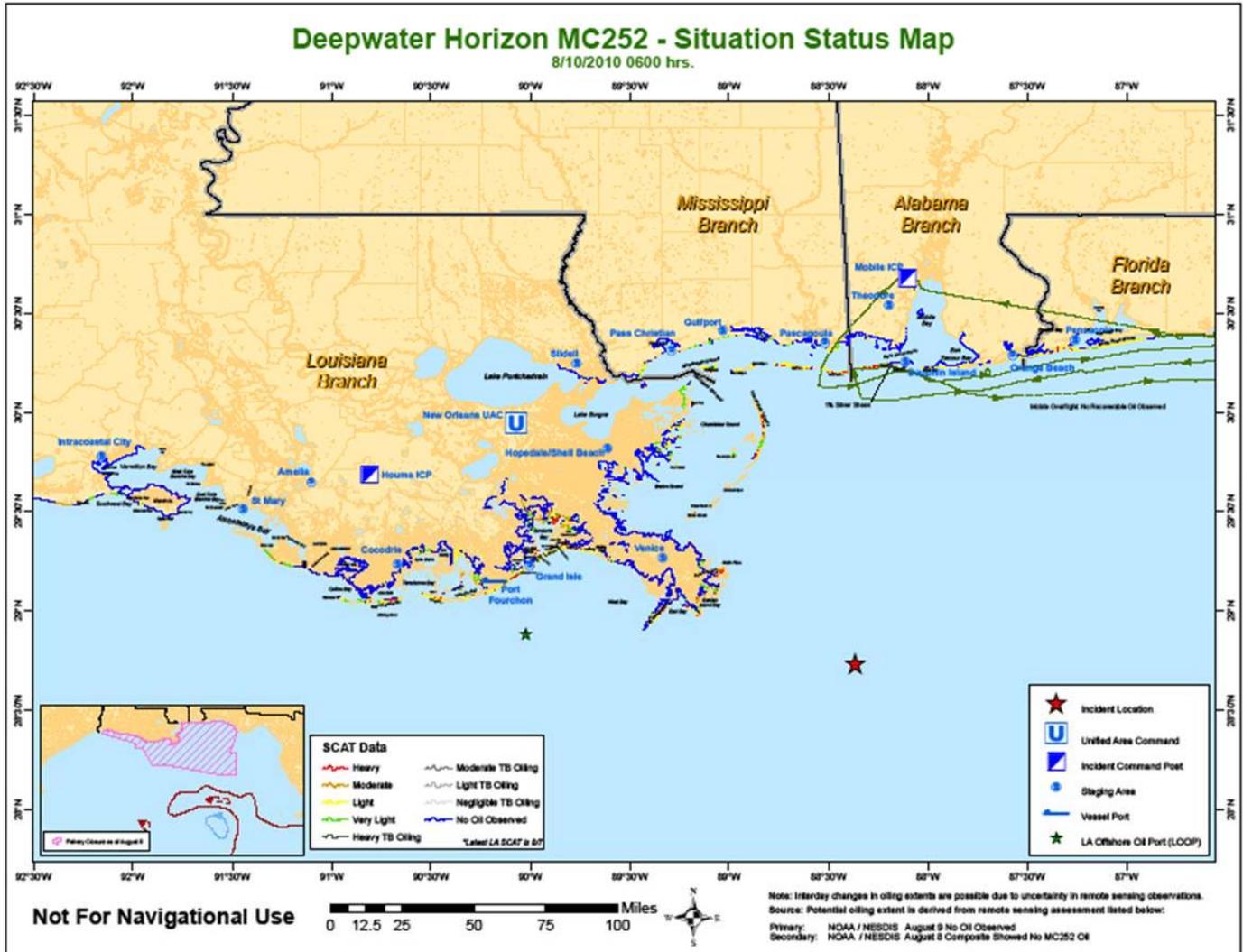


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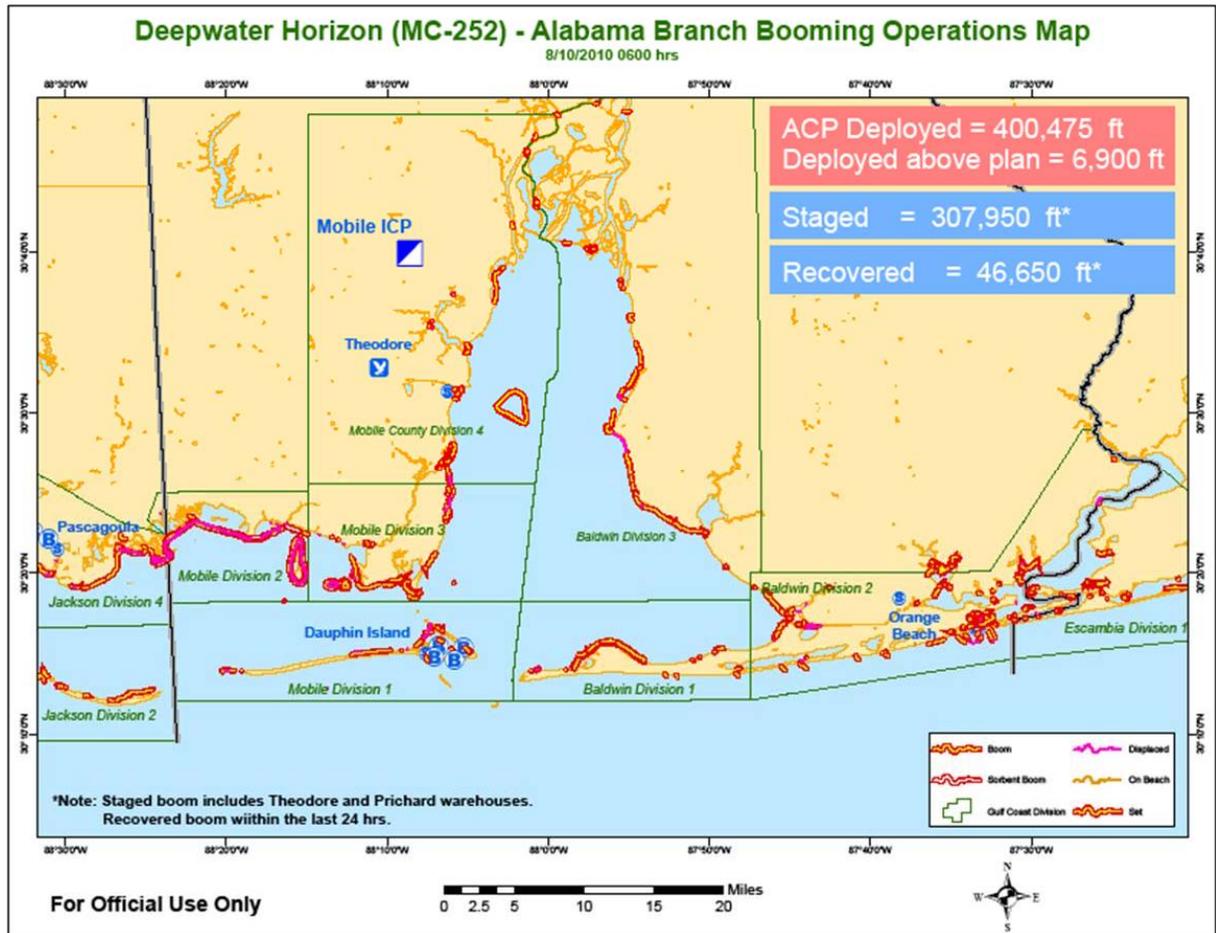
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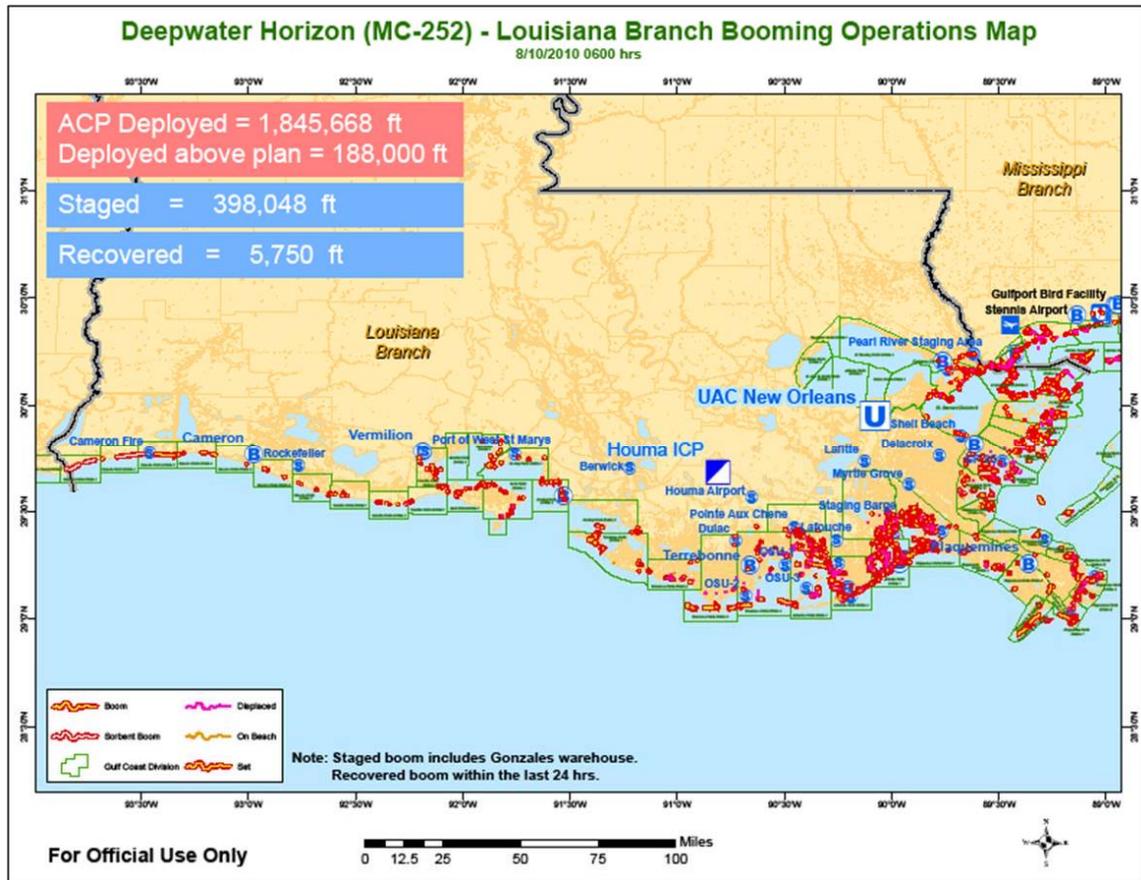
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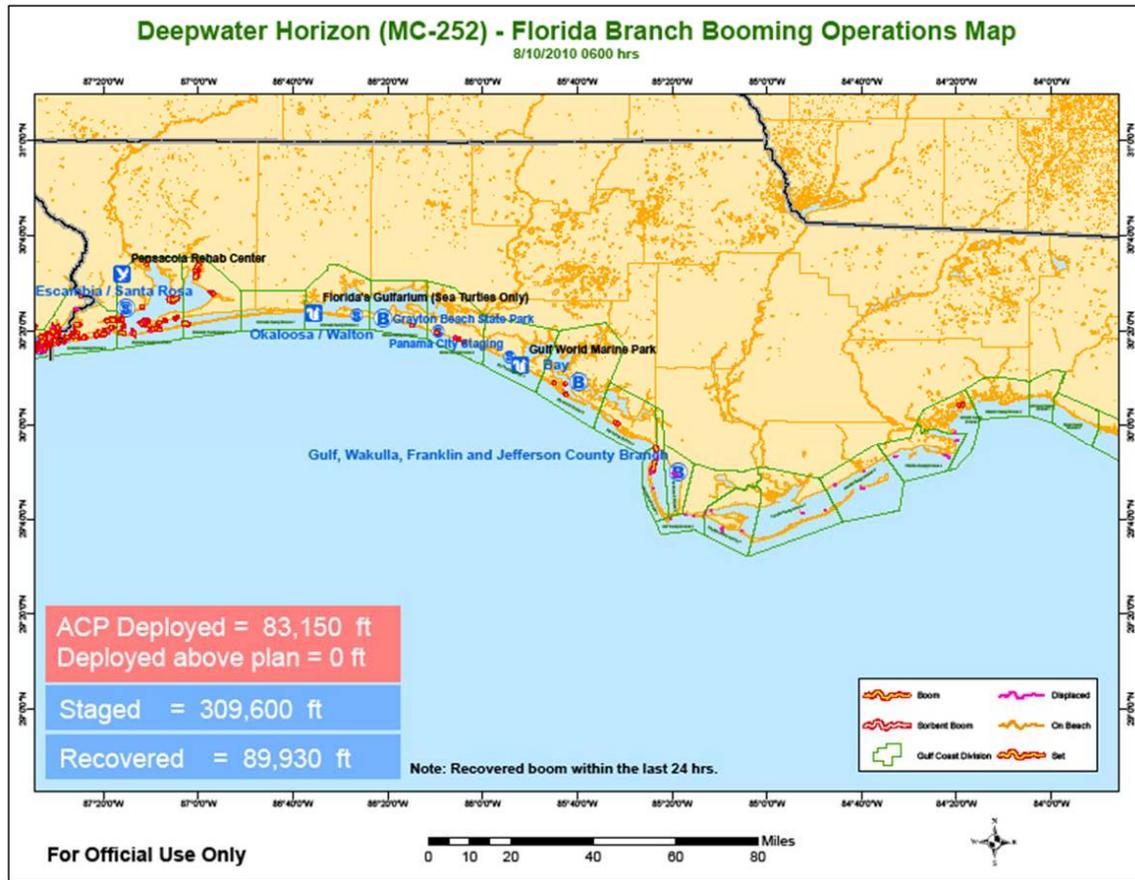
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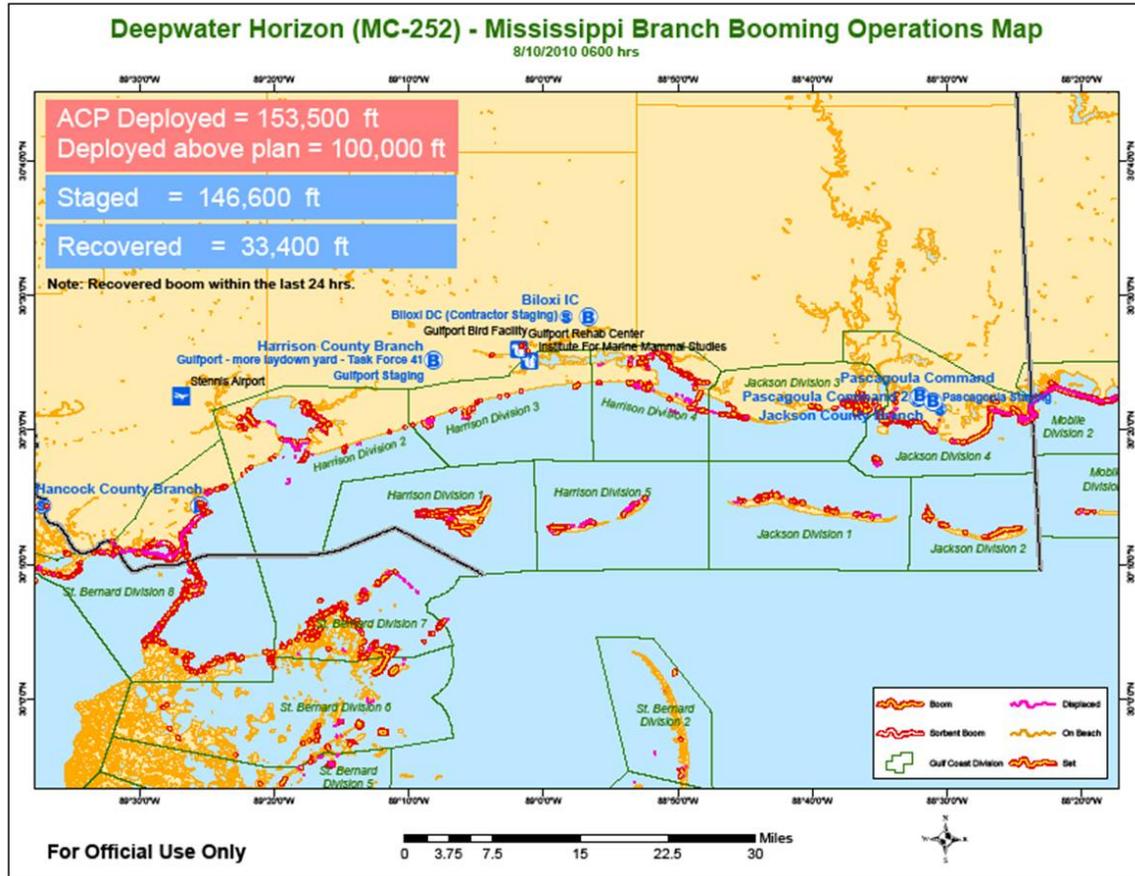
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Subject National Incident Commander Brief 0430EDT 14 August 2010

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Good Morning Admiral Allen,

Attached is the 0430EDT 14 August 2010 Situation Update.

Operational highlights below:

WEATHER: (NOAA Spot Forecast 1500EDT 13 August)

Date	Seas (ft)	Rain (%)	Wind (kts)	Sea State
Saturday 14 August	3	50	SW 10	Lt Chop
Saturday Night	2-3	20	SW 10	Lt Chop
Sunday 15 August	2-3	40	W 10	Lt Chop
Monday 16 August	70		W/SW 10-15	Lt Chop 2-3
Tuesday 17 August	60		S/SE 10-15	Lt Chop 3
Wednesday 18 August	2-3	50	SE 10	Lt Chop

WEATHER OUTLOOK: (NOAA Spot Report 2230 EDT 13 August)

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OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:
 (NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 2048 EDT 13 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining: \$17,780,422.40
 Fed Project Ceiling: \$541,767,579.00
 Obligated funds to Date: \$455,654,106.31
 Fed Project Ceiling Remaining: \$86,113,472.69

Copies of Situation Briefs are available on HSIN at
<https://government.hsin.gov>

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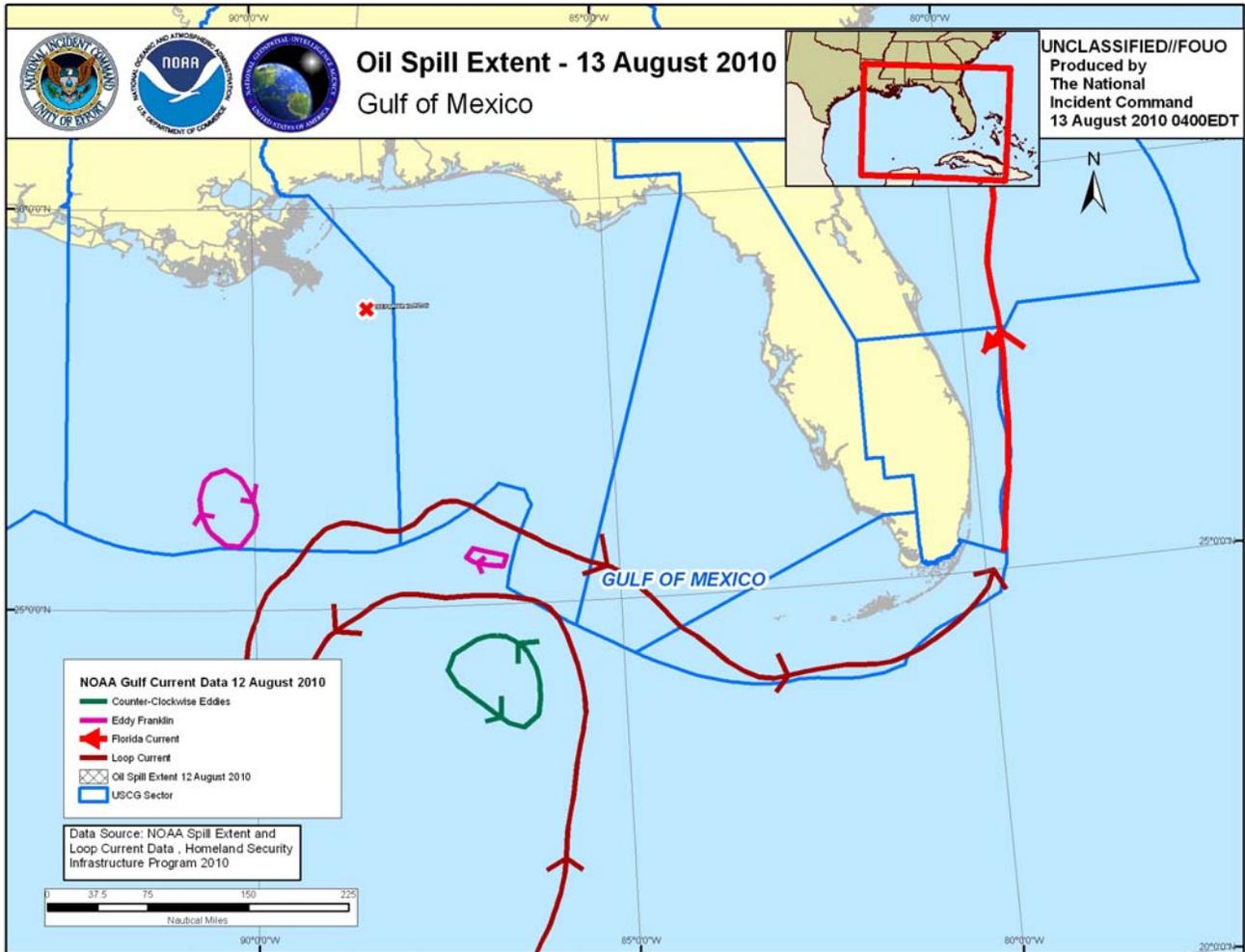




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National Incident Commander Objectives:

1. Establish and manage a coordinated interagency response effort to effectively employ all resources required to mitigate current and long term environmental and economic impacts of the incident.
2. Engage and inform the public, stakeholders and the media, keeping them apprised of response activities and plans.
3. Engage across all levels of government to develop courses of action for issues that span multiple agencies and departments.

Unified Area Command Objectives:

1. Ensure the safety and welfare of citizens and response personnel.
2. Control the source of the spill.
3. Continue to contain, recover, and dispose of spilled material.
4. Continue to maximize use and availability of advanced source control and response technologies.
5. Continue to maximize the protection, assessment, and response to environmentally, sensitive areas and wildlife risk.
6. Ensure stakeholders, government officials, and the public are kept informed of source control and response actions.
7. Minimize social, political, economic, and environmental impacts.
8. Continue to optimize critical resource utilization and effectiveness from all agencies and organizations across all response areas.
9. Ensure sustainability by conducting strategic planning to address long-range planning concerns; including worst case scenarios, contingencies, resources, logistics, and potential gaps.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST OPERATIONAL PERIOD: (UAC Sit Exec Sum 13 August)

- Well Integrity: monitored with sonar sweeps, visual observation, and pressure/temperature information; No anomalies
- DD III: trip in hole to casing shoe with drilling bottom hole assembly
- Static Kill: monitored well integrity
- Q4000: near-ambient pressure test ongoing

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SOURCE CONTROL: (Houston Update 2000EDT 12 August)

Vessel	0000-2359CDT 12 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	562,104 bbls *includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 22,158 bbls)	1,272.4 million cubic ft of gas * includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 88.4 gas)
Q4000	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	241,187 bbls	534.1 million cubic ft of gas
HELIX PRODUCER I	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	23,742 bbls	~56.5 million cubic ft of gas (estimated due to incorrectly calibrated meter)
Cumulative oil/gas recovered	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	827,033 bbls	~1,863 million cubic ft of gas

- **DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE (DE):** DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE is standing by with Top Hat number 8 during near ambient pressure test. (Source Control Update 0641EDT 13 August)
- **HELIX PRODUCER I:** The HP I was shut-in at 1120CDT 15 July. Standing-by. T-time is 12 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **Q4000:** The Q4000 has isolated all manifold valves to the LDIS and is continuing near ambient pressure test. (Source Control Update 0641EDT 13 August)
- **SEISMIC/ACOUSTIC TESTING:** 0 seismic activities today. Acoustic surveys will continue today by the NOAA PIECES. (Source Control Update 1400EDT 13 August)
- **MONITORING:** Temperature at the casing was 39.6 degrees. Geophones and "big ears" sensors continue monitoring which is being recorded and collected by the BOA SUB C. Geophones will be retrieved once tests are complete. At 1230CDT, the Near Ambient Pressure Test Cap pressure is 2707. 3 minor leaks in vicinity of capping stack pancake flange with hydrate formations are being continually monitored and have considerably slowed. T-time is 1 hours. (Source Control Update 1400EDT 13 August)
- **HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN:** Well pressure remains stable, further indicating a successful cement plug. (Houston Update 1400EDT 13 August)
- **SUB-SEA DISPERSANT:** Dispersant injections at the BOP were secured at 1417CDT 15 July. No other dispersants used at this time. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC):** No reported VOCs. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SHORT TERM CONTAINMENT:** DE has Top Hat #8 standing by. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 1:** Standing by. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 2:** The FSR 2 inner riser has been completed. Upper riser work scheduled. 1060' jumper installed. 2900' jumper is ready but requires 3 vessels to install and to be coordinated around the work over the well. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SUBSEA TIE-IN:** Planning and design work are ongoing for both the Rigel and Na Kika tie-in options. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

RELIEF WELL DATA: (Source Control Update 0641EDT 13 August)

	Total Drill Depth (MD=measured or total drilled depth in feet)	Day # of Est. Completion Days	True Vertical Depth (from sea level)	Comments
DD-II	15,961'	64 of 104 (63%)	15,200'	T-Time 105 hrs
DD-III	17,909'	94 of 104 (92%)	17,152'	T-Time 95 hrs

- **DD-II:** 2nd Relief Well- DDII is holding at a depth of 15,961' (15,200' TVD), 10,961' below sea floor will hold operations pending results of DDIII relief well. T-time is 105 Hours.
- **DD-III:** 1st Relief Well- (Day 94/104, 92% complete) DDIII well remains at a depth of 17,909' (17,152' TVD) and 12,153' below seafloor. For the next 24 hours DDIII is tripping back in the hole with bottom hole assembly to 17,789 and circulating mud throughout the day. No drilling is

scheduled to commence until after ambient pressure test is concluded and discussion with science team is completed. T-time is 95 hours. (Source Control Update 0641EDT 13 August)

- **PLUG AND ABANDONMENT (P&A):** Procedures for P&A are being developed for submittal. Current plan is to commence removal of the capping stack and DWH BOP OOA 19 August using Q4000 and DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE, provided well is completely plugged and abandoned per BOEM and NIC. (Houston Update 1802EDT 12 August)

VESSELS ON SCENE (Houston Update 1133EDT 08 August)

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
Q4000	United States	On-scene	Working with support vessels (BLUE DOLPHIN & HOS CENTERLINE)	Current T-Time 82 hours. Standing by. Shut down as of 1050CDT, 15 July
				Operational T-Time 69 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'; conducting final pressure tests.
NOAA PISCES	United States	Departed area	Seismic Runs	Acoustic Runs
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA HENRY B. BIGELOW	United States	On-scene	Site Monitoring	Acoustic Runs
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA GORDON GUNTER	United States	On-scene	Marine Mammal Research	Conducting marine mammal research
				Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	Marshall Islands	On-scene	Containment	T-time is 49 hours. On site, Top Hat #8 on deck.
				Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
HELIX PRODUCER I	Bahamas	On-scene	Oil Production Will process 20-25,000 bbls of oil/day at the CDP-1 free standing riser. Standing by to receive containment if required	T-time is 12 hours
				Operational T-Time 30 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
LOCH RANNOCH	United Kingdom	On-scene	Shuttle Tanker Hooked up to HP I & planning to receive 115 bbls of oil from HP1 tomorrow 2 Aug	Capacity is 1,000,000 bbls (40 days on station at full HPI production). Total volume on board is 24,628 bbls. T-time 0 hour
DISCOVERER CLEAR LEADER	Marshall Islands	Standing by Ship Shoal Block 363	Containment	On DP stand by at SS363. 3800' flexible on deck. Capacity is 125,000 bbls. T-Time 0 hours
SKANDI NEPTUNE	Norway	On location	ROV operations; ready for dispersant application if necessary	
MASSACHUSETTS	United States	Moored New Orleans, LA	Shuttle Tank Barge Transfers oil from the DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	
EVI KNUTSEN	Norway	Standing by in LOOP	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in area of Loop	The tanker will store oil processed by the TOISA PISCES which has no storage capacity

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
		anchorage area	Anchorage	Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
NAVION FENNIA	Bahamas	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker	DP trials with TOISA PISCES completed, no discrepancies noted Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
SEILLEAN	Panama	Arrived at Galveston, TX 23 July	Containment USCG inspection team will complete Port State Control Exam prior to depart for MC252	Capacity is 310,000 bbls. Standing by at anchorage offshore Houston-Galveston ship channel. T-time is 0 hours
OVERSEAS CASCADE	United States	Standing by in field	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in the field	On standby in the field. T-time is 0 hours
TOISA PISCES	Liberia	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by for production/containment	The vessel is expected to hook up to the CDP-2 free standing riser to continuously process oil. T-Time 0 hours
SEACOR RIGOROUS	United States	At staging area	Support	Deployed 12" lightering transfer hose that will be used between HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
LA CHEVAL	United States	At staging area	Support	Hose and assist HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
NORMAND FORTRESS	Norway	On location	Construction support Standing by for lightering if needed	Install the pipeline crossing for the 2 subsea pipeline alternatives
HOS ACHIEVER	Vanuatu	On-scene	Dispersant Injection	
BOA DEEP C	Spain	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
BOA SUB C	Malta	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
HOS CENTERLINE	United States	On-scene	DDII Support	
BJ BLUE DOLPHIN	United States	On-scene	DDIII Support	

CRITICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: (Critical Resources Unit 10 August)

- The list of International offers of Assistance will be posted to HSIN on Monday evenings at 1900EDT
- **International Offers of Assistance: Government to Government**
 - As of 10 August, the NIC has received 68 offers from 33 countries and International Organizations
 - 41 offers were for critical resources, 40 have been accepted
 - In total, 47 government and International Organization offers have been accepted to date
- **International Offers of Assistance: Private, Government and IMO Facilitated**
 - As of 10 August, the NIC has received 58 offers of assistance from private companies
 - 25 offers were submitted directly by private entities

- 33 offers were facilitated by foreign governments or the IMO
- 34 offers were for critical resources, 6 offers have been accepted
- **Domestic Offers of Resources**
 - As of 10 August, the NIC has received 78 domestic offers
 - 20 originated through the Homeport website
 - 9 offers have been accepted
 - 27 offers were for critical resources; none have been accepted
- **Skimmers (DWH AAG 0700EDT 13 August)**

Foreign Skimmers	Domestic Skimmers	Navy Skimmers	Skimmers Freed up by Emergency Rule
49	835	54	27

- As of 10 August, 835 Skimmers are now in theatre. Skimmer numbers published on “Deepwater Horizon At-A-Glance” daily slide.
- State by State listing of all Inshore and Near Shore skimmers now listed in NIC Deepwater Horizon Response “At-A-Glance” spreadsheet.
- UAC confirms 309 skimmers delivered on 19 July. (UAC 1600EDT 29 July)
- Number of foreign skimmers in theatre recently verified by UAC CRU (1600EDT 29 July).
- **Domestic Sources:**
Homeport website to collect skimmer availability went live on 01 July at 0900.
- **DOD: RFA 78B**
In theater: 23 offshore skimmers, 27 shallow water skimmers, 4 Harbor Busters, and 35 tow boats.

CLEAN- UP/RESPONSE OPERATIONS SHORESIDE: (DWH AAG 0644EDT 13 August)

	LA	MS	AL	FL	TX	TOTAL
Current Miles of Shoreline Impact	382.0	117.1	73.0	99.5	0	671.6
People Assigned	531	29	1,230	911	0	2701

TEXAS:

SHORELINE: No SCAT currently scheduled.
 INSHORE: Total recovered to date 117.67 cubic yards of oily solids.
 NEARSHORE: NSTR
 OFFSHORE: NSTR

LOUISIANA:

OFFSHORE: Currently only sheening found, not suspected to be MC 252 oil.
 SHORELINE: Currently Oiled: Heavy to Moderate: 127.3 miles; Light to Trace: 254.7 miles; Total: 382.0 miles.

INSHORE: Currently only light oiling found.

TOTAL BARRELS COLLECTED ONSHORE/NEARSHORE: 0 bbl (0 bbls collected offshore)

MISSISSIPPI:

SHORELINE: All crews and operations were secured due to weather.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: 10.5 miles; Light to trace: 106.6 miles; Total: 117.1 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs secured operations due to weather.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma retains tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

ALABAMA:

SHORELINE: Crews continued manual beach cleaning throughout area of responsibility where possible due to weather. Crews responded to oil impact at Gulf Shores Pavilion; night cleaning operations conducted at Gulf Shores Pavilion.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: 5.2 miles; Light to trace: 67.8 miles; Total: 73.0 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted minimal operations due to weather.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma retains tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

FLORIDA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in the state of Florida. Re-oiling continued in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Crews conducted manual cleanup in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties where weather permitted. Night operations conducted in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties where weather permitted.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: 3.8 miles; Light to trace: 95.7 miles; Total: 99.5 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs and Inland Water Strike Teams were secured due to weather.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma retains tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

SAFETY/PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NSTR

OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:

(NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 2048 EDT 13 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining	\$17,780,422.40
Fed Project Ceiling	\$541,767,579.00
Obligated funds to Date	\$455,654,106.31
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining	\$86,113,472.69

BP CLAIMS SUMMARY: (BP Claims 13 August) **Not reported on weekends**

- Total Number of Claims: 148,981
- Total Amount Disbursed: \$351,715,032
- Number of Claims Denied: 0
- Number of Checks Disbursed: 114,109

BP CLAIMS CALL CENTER (Last 24 Hours): (BP Claims 13 August) **Not reported on weekends**

- Calls Received: 820
- Call operators: 97
- Checks written: 114,109
- Managers/adjusters in field: 1,246
- Community Offices and Claim Centers: 36

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (UAC Exec Sum 13 August)

- Well Integrity: continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
- DD III: standby at casing shoe during near-ambient pressure test
- Static Kill: continue near-ambient pressure test, subject to approved parameters; continue water column sampling
- DD II, ENTERPRISE, and HELIX PRODUCER: on stand by

NIC STRATEGIC EFFORTS:

- **International Engagement Strategy**

NIC Strategic Planning staff continues to coordinate with DoS to provide information to countries requesting DWH related information. A Mexican scientific delegation visited the NIC on 04 August. NOAA presentation to the delegation was held at DoS. There were approximately 30 participants including 15 Mexican representatives and others from NOAA, EPA, USGS, BOEM, USCG, and DOS.

- **Hurricane/Severe Weather Contingency Plan**

DWH Severe Weather Contingency Plan (SWCP) revision 5 is available on HSIN. Members can access and distribute as needed. The current plan is digitally searchable.

- **NIC Strategy Implementation**

NIC Strategy Implementation version 3.0 has been signed and is available via HSIN in the Interagency Strategic Planning folder. A draft NIC Strategy Implementation version 4.0 has been completed and has been distributed to IASG for comment.

- **Transition Planning**

The first draft of the NIC Transition Plan is complete and has been forwarded to the NIC Staff and the IASG for review and comment. The NIC functional transition will be driven by conditions and as these conditions are met, they will drive the evolution to a RIC. The RIC will be an interim construct, similar to the NIC yet with reduced functions and authorities. The RIC will continue to provide federal oversight to the ongoing response and recovery efforts.

- **NIC Lessons Learned**

NIC Strategic Planning has developed a NIC focused Lessons Learned and Best Practices Plan. The intent of this plan is to capture lessons learned and best practices from all NIC team members, plans, policies, procedures, and response systems and to incorporate them into LLIS. The NIC Lessons Learned/Best Practices form is available on HSIN on the Deepwater Horizon MC252 home page under national level reports and is also available in the Strategic Plans public



National Incident Commander Daily Situation Update

Case 4 - HQ 0430EDT 14 August 2010 All emails sent by "Richard Windsor" were sent by EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson

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(Updates in **RED**)

folder at \\HQS-nas-t-001\NIC-MS252\NIC-HQ-Strategic-Plans\Strategic Planning Topics\Lessons Learned\LL Plan & Forms (final).



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Media

NOLA JIC

- No national media engagements today

MOBILE JIC

- No national media engagements today

HOUMA JIC

- Adm. Allen 0845 Editorial Board w/Times Picayune
- Adm. Allen 1245-1315 Press conference following meeting with Parish Presidents

FLORIDA PENINSULAR JIC

- No engagement with national media

Social Media

- The need for both short-term and long-term action to ensure Gulf seafood is both safe and perceived to be safe to consume, free of oil and other contaminants.
- Concern expressed about the long-term commitment to clean up the Gulf.
- Concern expressed over bottom kill and the need to continue relief well drilling despite success of the bottom kill procedure.
- Discussion on backlog of unpaid claims by BP.

Administration Wide Response

- Admiral Allen reported on the passing of the tropical depression and the steps being taken to prepare to resume drilling the relief well, including conducting a pressure test to determine the condition of the annulus, removing the storm packer and dropping the drill string.
- 269 field personnel, 84 vessels, four helicopters and one float plane participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions.
- SBA has approved 236 economic injury assistance loans to date, totaling more than \$20.5 million for small businesses in the Gulf Coast impacted by the BP oil spill.
- To date, 148,190 claims have been opened, from which more than \$347 million have been disbursed. No claims have been denied to date. There are 1,247 claims adjusters on the ground.

Government Relations

Friday, August 13

1030 Parish President's Briefing in Houma



Unified Area Command Daily External Affairs Report
Summary August 13, 2010

Key Message/Messages

"Relief well will be finished and that is the end result. How it gets finished will be determined on risk mitigation and the way forward that's being discussed right now, the relief well will be finished. We will kill the well."

Adm. Thad Allen

Key Efforts

TOMORROW'S EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Saturday, August 14

0000 Nothing scheduled

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Monday, August 16

- TBD VADM Robert Parker, Lantarea to visit UAC
- TBD USCG COMDT ADM Papp to visit UAC, Pensacola USCG cutters
- TBD RDML Welch to visit UAC
- TBC Sec. Locke (Commerce) to visit UAC

Monday, August 30

- International Observer Program (UAC)

Tuesday, August 31

- International Observer Program (Houma, La)

Wednesday, September 1

- International Observer Program (Houma, La)

Inquires

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Intergovernmental Congressional

New Inquiries Opened Today	0	0
Total Inquiries Open To Date (since 6/26 – add yesterday's total to new inquiries)	70	120
Inquiries Closed Today	0	0
Total Inquires Closed To Date (since 6/26 – add yesterday's to new inquiries closed)	62	105



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Inquiries Currently Pending Response	0	0
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New Inquiries	3
Inquiries Pending	1
Inquiries Closed	4

What Others Are Saying

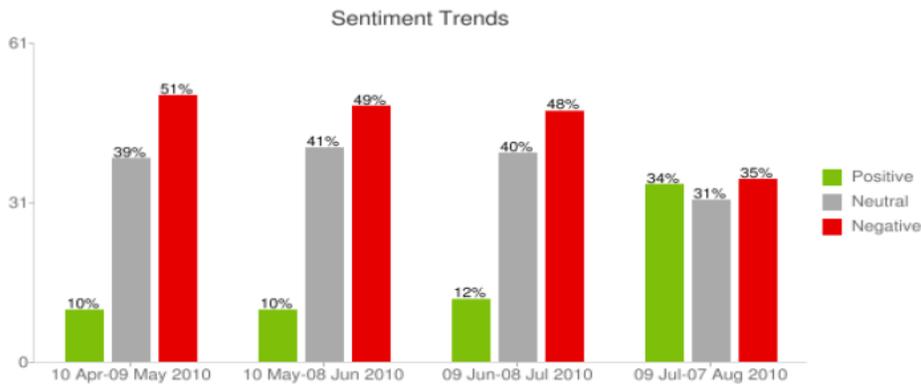
Social Media

Communication Statistics:

Facebook Followers: 39,127 (-31)
 Twitter Followers: 8,529 (+7): Lists: 730 (+2)
 YouTube Views: 2,572,029 (+379): Videos: 135 (0): Subscribers: 1,916 (+3)
 Flickr Views: 250,611 (+213) Photos: 1093 (0):
 Total Website Hits: 141,206, 357 Daily Website Hits: (+281,583)
 Total number of opt-ins for SMS new alerts: 6430 (+26)

Face Book Sentiment Trends:

Facebook Limitation: Searching major public groups and pages on Facebook. Note that not all Facebook content is available because of their terms of services.



Facebook Trends:

- Constant concern regarding the long-term plan to ensure Gulf seafood is safe to consume and is free of oil and/or other contaminants.
 - **Talking points needed** to reassure the public and provide detailed information about the food safety assurance methodology, types of tests, and outline of processes along with data results.



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- Long term commitment to the cleanup is being discussed across Facebook. The perception is that now the well is capped, clean up operations are being cut back, including the bottom kill and relief well drilling.
 - **Talking points needed** to reassure public on overall plan for clean up and how it will affect them and the Gulf environment. In particular, a restatement of the mission that includes long term restoration plans for activities after the "bottom kill" procedure.

Twitter Trends:

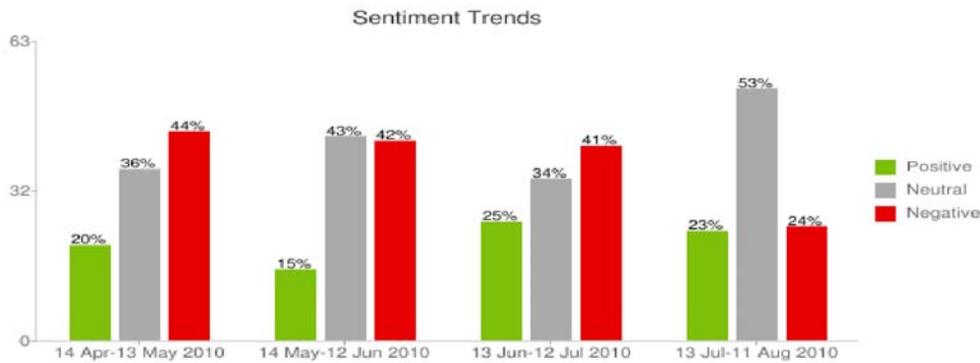
- BP not paying Oil Spill Claims

Blog Trends:

- Blogs were very focused on the bottom kill and whether the relief wells would continue to be drilled in light of BP Statements that the well may already be dead with the top kill technique. Bloggers seemed suspicious of BP's long term commitment to completing the bottom kill technique and to the overall cleanup of the Gulf and coastlines.
- Concern over the perceived safety of Gulf seafood in both the short and long term.
- Skeptics do not believe the oil has really dissipated. Corollary issue is the ongoing commitment to clean up efforts.
- The cost of the response to date and the claims process were trending

Traditional Media Sentiment Trends:

Sentiment Trends



Blog Trends:

The Deepwater Horizon Spill by the Numbers

As days stretched into weeks, then weeks into months, BP's Deepwater Horizon wellhead continued to spew millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. From the latest figures released by Unified Incident Command—a joint venture between BP, Transocean and multiple government agencies—we give you the facts and figures to put the spill in perspective.

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/energy/coal-oil-gas/bp-oil-spill-statistics>

Bottom kill decision could come today

The anticipated bottom kill on the once-gushing Gulf of Mexico oil well may not have to be done, BP said Friday. But the company said that is a low probability. <http://gaitersburg.net/bottom-kill-decision-could-come-today/>

BP Complaints | BP oil spill may not require 'bottom kill ...

BP oil spill may not require 'bottom kill,' officials to release test results <http://www.bpcomplaints.com/2010/08/bp-oil-spill-may-not-require-bottom-kill-officials-to-release-test-results-new-york-daily-news/>

Oil spill: BP well may not need 'bottom kill' : UK Financial News ...



The relief well is only about 45 feet (13.7 meters) from reaching BP's Macondo well after having already drilled through ...

<http://perspicacious.co.uk/>

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UNIFIED AREA COMMAND MEDIA ANALYSIS

Media Analysis

This afternoon media covered the news conference where Admiral Allen reiterated that the relief well will be completed as a permanent solution. Most of the reports have maintained a skeptical tone, highlighting prior public allocutions regarding oil spill strategies. Nonetheless, overall media coverage of the response effort continues to elude the major headlines; which should remain constant until the final kill is achieved. Further attention is being paid to all the impending lawsuits and other litigation matters.

On a related note, CNN has featured a story of alleged mismanagement by BP and other related companies in the hiring of a convicted sex offender.

Media Review

Gulf Leaders Wary Over Wavering On Final Plug

New York Times/AP, August 12, 2010 NEW ORLEANS (AP) -- With the oil well that had been spewing into the Gulf of Mexico plugged from the top and BP PLC and federal officials pondering whether the final plug, or "bottom kill," is needed, local officials fear national disengagement from what remains a crisis of unknown proportions. Meanwhile, bad weather delayed work on the relief well being drilled into next week. "This is going to be a long-term situation," Jefferson Parish Council Chairman John Young said. "I think it's way too early for the federal government have a 'mission accomplished' type of attitude." Work on the final kill to the well has been postponed by bad weather blowing through the region. Crews drilling relief wells to the gusher have stopped their work, and will need about four days to finish once the weather passes, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said Wednesday.

Work On Relief Well Stops As Storm Approaches

CNN, August 12, 2010 (CNN) -- Remnants of what was Tropical Depression Five will likely reach the northern Gulf Coast early Thursday and will stall the crucial work of permanently sealing BP's ruptured oil well. Permanently sealing the well in the Gulf of Mexico will have to wait about four days after the storm passes the site, the government's point man in the Gulf said Wednesday. As the heavy rains and gusty winds associated with the weakening tropical depression moved closer to the Gulf Coast on Wednesday, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen told reporters crews were preparing for whatever weather was to come.

Tropical Depression Delays Last Effort To Kill Macondo Well

Washington Post, August 12, 2010 The final effort to kill the Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico has been delayed until early next week by a passing tropical depression, officials said Wednesday. During the lull in drilling, BP engineers and government scientists plan to test the well again to try to get a better sense of what's happening out of sight in the wellbore. There is one scenario, not considered likely, in which hydrocarbons would be lurking in the space known as the annulus, between the casing and the rock wall of the wellbore, said retired Adm. Thad Allen, the national incident commander. Although that scenario carries no danger of the well gushing again the way it did before, officials want to make sure that, during the bottom kill, they don't drive oil up into the blowout preventer. Investigators want to retrieve that device eventually as part of the investigation into what went wrong. Allen also said that the Navy will use robotic submersibles to examine the sunken Deepwater Horizon rig in September. The rig is in water nearly a mile deep and several thousand feet from the blowout preventer.

BP Links Compensation With Continued Oil Production In The Gulf

Huffington Post, August 12, 2010 BP has managed to link the fate of its \$20 billion oil spill victims compensation fund with its continued ability to pump oil from the Gulf of Mexico. The voluntary trust agreement negotiated with the Department of Justice is not with the British-based multinational, or even with BP America, but with a fairly remote subsidiary, BP Exploration & Production Inc.



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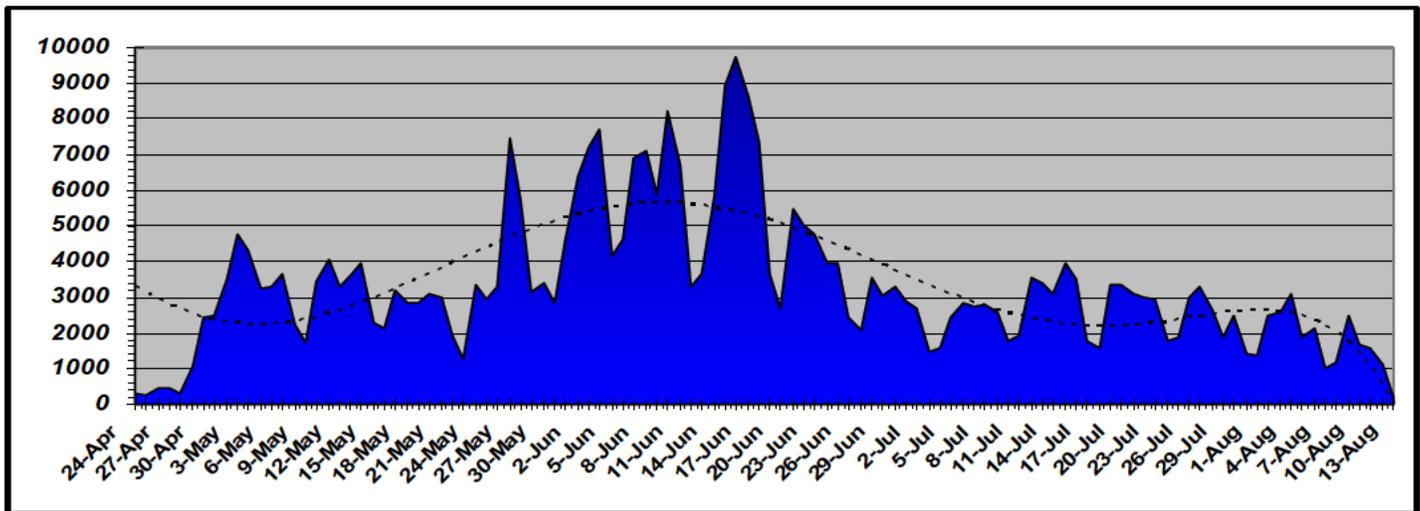
(BPEC) -- a Delaware corporation that operates BP's Gulf oil leases. So if BP's drilling revenues from the Gulf suddenly vanished, so, presumably, would the compensation fund, said Tyson Slocum, director of Public Citizen's Energy Program. "This is a very advantageous agreement from BP's point of view," Slocum told the Huffington Post. "Because their big concern is that the Deepwater Horizon incident would result in sanctions that would significantly reduce BP's involvement in lucrative Gulf operations."

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By Date

	Print	Online	Broadcast	Blogs	Social Media
Wednesday, August 04, 2010	69	1694	418	673	229
Thursday, August 05, 2010	89	840	359	459	131
Friday, August 06, 2010	73	1155	308	465	133
Saturday, August 07, 2010	45	598	105	194	92
Sunday, August 08, 2010	52	725	102	215	69
Monday, August 09, 2010	54	1422	303	541	167
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	57	842	200	453	127
Wednesday, August 11, 2010	51	838	192	383	103
Thursday, August 12, 2010	30	534	107	368	78
Friday, August 13, 2010	17	23	70	50	19
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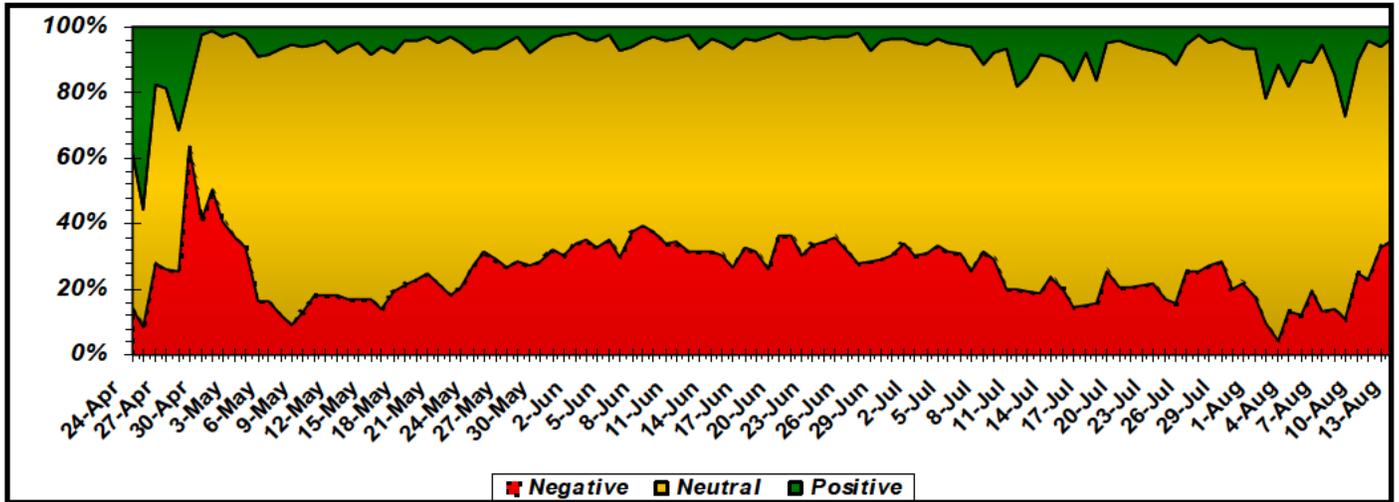


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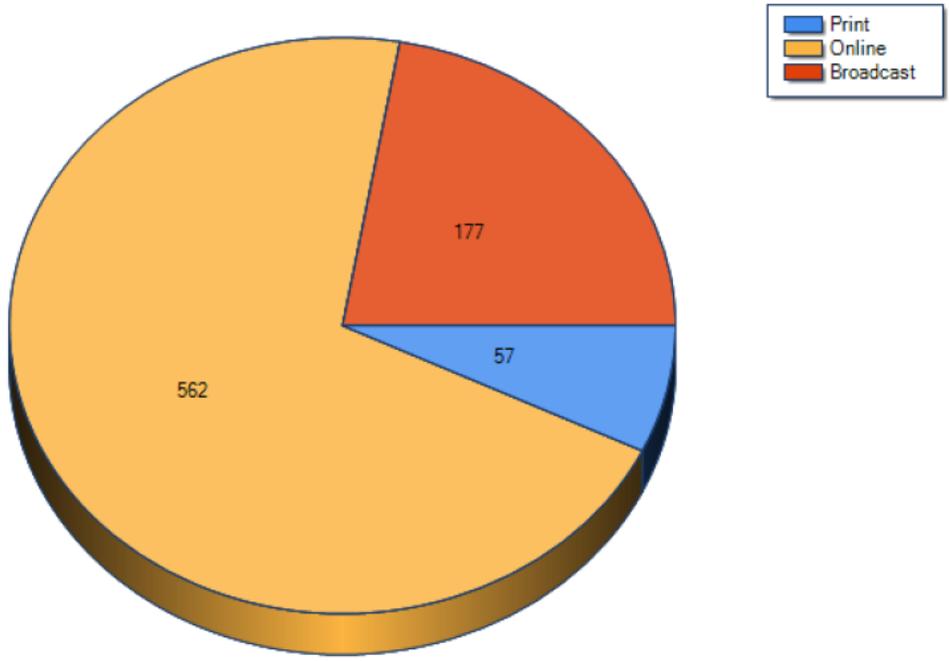
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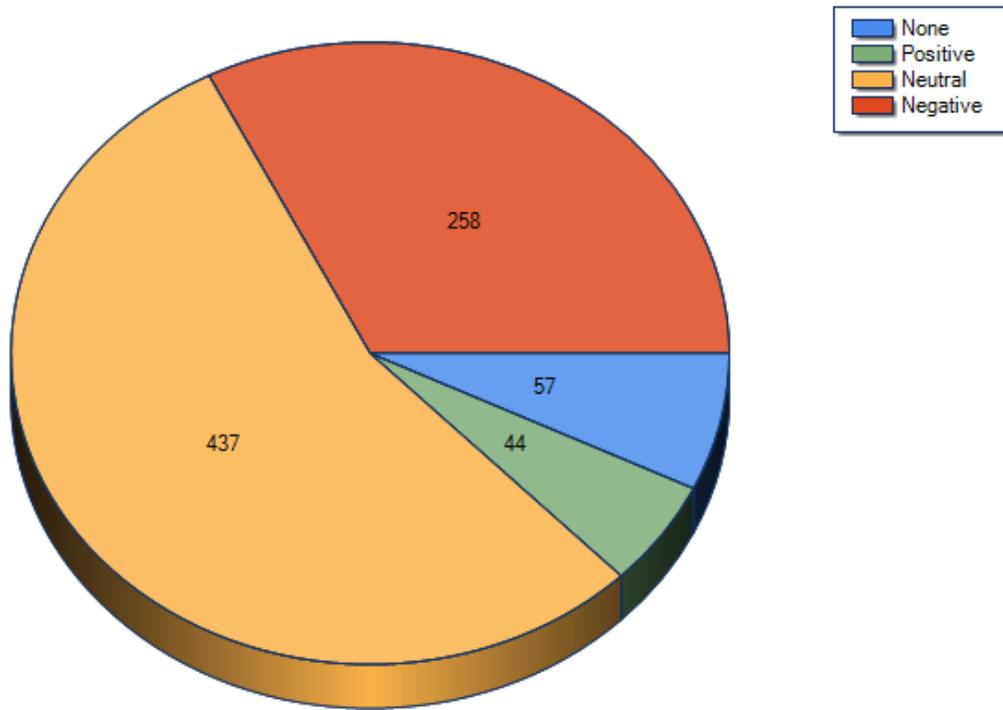
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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

24-HOUR SUMMARY

Prepared by the Joint Information Center
UPDATED August 13, 2010 7 PM

** For a full timeline of the Administration-wide response, visit the [White House Blog](#).*

PAST 24 HOURS

Admiral Allen Provides an Update on the BP Oil Spill Response

National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen provided a briefing to inform the American public and answer questions on the administration-wide response to the BP oil spill. A full transcript is available [here](#).

Admiral Allen reported on the results of the ambient pressure test and the meeting held today with Louisiana Parish Presidents. Based on the results of the pressure test, he stated clearly the administration's commitment to complete the relief well to permanently seal the well.

"Relief well will be finished and that is the end result. How it gets finished will be determined on risk mitigation and the way forward that's being discussed right now, the relief well will be finished. We will kill the well," said Admiral Allen.

"The question is how to evaluate the conditions that we've encountered, how to assess the risks associated with that, develop courses of action moving forward and make the best possible decision," he said. "I am the National Incident Commander. I will issue the order when we decide exactly how we're going to proceed and it will be based on my determination on what it will take to kill this well and we will make the determination on when the well is dead."

Cleanup Crews Respond Quickly to Oil Impacts Following Recent Severe Weather

Cleanup crews responded immediately to oily material deposited by the recent storm surge on a 1,000-foot long by 10-foot wide area of Gulf State Park in Alabama. The presence of oily debris on the beaches is a result of rough surf. Storms expose oil that would otherwise be difficult to locate and contain with appropriate cleanup resources.

"Isolated and sporadic shoreline impacts may continue as oil that remains in the Gulf of Mexico continues to break down and biodegrade," said Coast Guard Capt. Steven Poulin, Mobile Incident Commander. "We remain fully committed to this response and will remove any oily material from beaches as quickly as possible so that people can continue to enjoy the beauty of the Gulf Coast."



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The presence of mousse oil (oil in an emulsified state) mixed with oily seaweed and trash was reported late in the afternoon, and cleanup crews were immediately dispatched to the impacted area. Thorough assessments of beaches and back bays in Alabama, Florida and Mississippi are underway to locate any additional oily material that may have been washed up by the storm.

The Mobile ICP and the U.S. Coast Guard are also conducting over flights of the area.

The public is asked to report any oil sightings by calling (866) 448-5816. Assessments are underway to identify the source of the oily material.

FWS Personnel Continue Wildlife Rescue and Recovery Missions Across the Region

From the Houma, La., Incident Command Post, 269 field personnel, 84 vessels, four helicopters and one float plane participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions. While adverse weather conditions shut down all ground based operations around the Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex and southwest refuges, from the Mobile, Ala., Incident Command Post, 27 two-person teams, 19 vessels and one helicopter continued the search for oil impacts and injured or oiled wildlife. To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.

Approved SBA Economic Injury Assistance Loans Surpass \$20.4 Million

SBA has approved 242 economic injury assistance loans to date, totaling more than \$21 million for small businesses in the Gulf Coast impacted by the BP oil spill. Additionally, the agency has granted deferments on 818 existing SBA disaster loans in the region, totaling more than \$4.5 million per month in payments. For information on assistance loans for affected businesses, visit the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, call (800) 659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Administration Continues to Oversee BP's Claims Process

The administration will continue to hold the responsible parties accountable for repairing the damage, and repaying Americans who have suffered a financial loss as a result of the BP oil spill. To date, 148,981 claims have been opened, from which more than \$351 million have been disbursed. No claims have been denied to date. There are 1,246 claims adjusters on the ground. To file a claim, visit www.bp.com/claims or call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118. Additional information about the BP claims process and all available avenues of assistance can be found at www.disasterassistance.gov.



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By the Numbers to Date:

- The administration has authorized the deployment of 17,500 National Guard troops from Gulf Coast states to respond to this crisis; currently, 1,395 are active.
- More than 14,300* personnel are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines.
- More than 3,800* vessels are currently responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.
- Approximately 2.35 million feet of containment boom** and 8.76 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed to contain the spill—and approximately 1.26 million feet of containment boom and 3.33 million feet of sorbent boom are available.
- More than 34.7 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.
- Approximately 1.84 million gallons of total dispersant have been applied—1.07 million on the surface and 771,000 sub-sea. Approximately 577,000 gallons are available.
- 411 controlled burns have been conducted, efficiently removing a total of more than 11.14 million gallons of oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife. Because calculations on the volume of oil burned can take more than 48 hours, the reported total volume may not reflect the most recent controlled burns.
- 17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines.
- Approximately 672 miles of Gulf Coast shoreline is currently oiled—approximately 382 miles in Louisiana, 117 miles in Mississippi, 73 miles in Alabama, and 100 miles in Florida. These numbers reflect a daily snapshot of shoreline currently experiencing impacts from oil so that planning and field operations can more quickly respond to new impacts; they do not include cumulative impacts to date, or shoreline that has already been cleared.
- Approximately 52,395 square miles of Gulf of Mexico federal waters remain closed to fishing in order to balance economic and public health concerns. Approximately 78 percent remains open. Details can be found at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.
- To date, the administration has leveraged assets and skills from numerous foreign countries and international organizations as part of this historic, all-hands-on-deck response, including Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, the United Nations' International Maritime Organization, the European Union's Monitoring and Information Centre, and the European Maritime Safety Agency.



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**The decreases in personnel and equipment are a result of the temporary suspension of some response operations due to severe weather.*

***The decrease in boom numbers is due to the continued recovery of displaced boom. Once recovered, this boom must be decontaminated, repaired, inspected, and certified before being staged or redeployed. New boom is being deployed in some areas.*

Resources:

- For information about the response effort, visit www.RestoreTheGulf.gov.
- For specific information about the federal-wide response, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/deepwater-bp-oil-spill>.
- To contact the Deepwater Horizon Joint Information Center, call (713) 323-1670.
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- To volunteer, or to report oiled shoreline, call (866) 448-5816. Volunteer opportunities can also be found [here](#).
- To submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity skimming system, or to submit alternative response technology, services, or products, call 281-366-5511.
- To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.
- For information about validated environmental air and water sampling results, visit www.epa.gov/bpspill.
- For National Park Service updates about potential park closures, resources at risk, and NPS actions to protect vital park space and wildlife, visit <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/oil-spill-response.htm>.
- For Fish and Wildlife Service updates about response along the Gulf Coast and the status of national wildlife refuges, visit <http://www.fws.gov/home/dhoilspill/>.
- For daily updates on fishing closures, visit <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>.
- For information on assistance loans for affected businesses, visit the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, call (800) 659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.
- To file a claim with BP, visit www.bp.com/claims or call BP's helpline at (800) 440-0858. A BP fact sheet with additional information is available [here](#). Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution, can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118. More information about what types of



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damages are eligible for compensation under the Oil Pollution Act as well as guidance on procedures to seek that compensation can be found [here](#).

- In addition, www.disasterassistance.gov has been enhanced to provide a one-stop shop for information on how to file a claim with BP and access additional assistance—available in English and Spanish.
- Any members of the press who encounter response personnel restricting their access or violating the [media access policy](#) set forth by Admiral Allen should contact the Joint Information Center. Click [here](#) for more information, including a list of regular embed opportunities.



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Loop Current Location Relative to Oil Slick

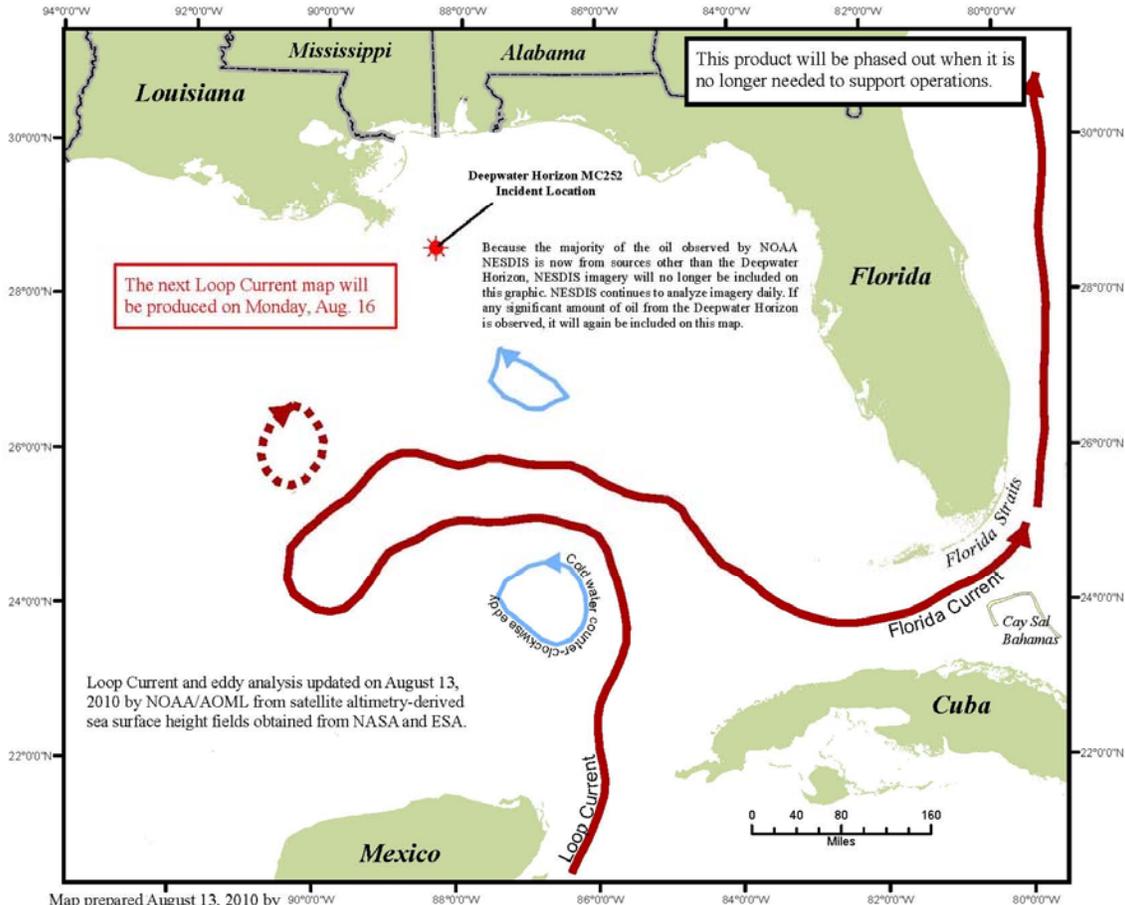
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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is closely monitoring the Deepwater Horizon MC252 (BP oil spill) slick's proximity to the Loop Current in the Gulf of Mexico.

- The Loop Current is an area of warm water that comes up from the Caribbean, flowing past the Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico) and into the Gulf of Mexico.
- It generally curves east across the Gulf and then flows south parallel to the west Florida coast; there it becomes the Florida Current as it moves through the Florida Straits, joins the Gulf Stream and travels up the Atlantic Coast, veering progressively farther away from the coast.
- Sometimes the northern part of the Loop Current separates from the main Loop Current, forming a large rotating region of water, known as an eddy.
- There are also smaller eddys that form along the edges of the Loop Current.

Both the location of the Loop Current and location of the oil slick are dynamic and constantly changing. The present location of the oil is identified daily through analysis of satellite imagery, observer overflights and advanced technology on aircraft. This information is also keeping us informed of how far away the oil is from the Loop Current each day. If oil from the spill enters the Loop Current, it would take at least a few days or more to reach the Florida Straits. During this transit time, the natural processes of evaporation and dispersion would reduce the oil volume significantly, and make it less toxic. The remaining oil would be mostly in the form of tarballs.

The figure below, depicts the present location of the Loop Current and the location of the Deepwater Horizon well. There has been no indication of oil in or near the Loop Current for over seven weeks, the well has not released any significant oil since July 15 and there has been no oil observed on the water surface for a number of days; therefore, at present there is no risk of the Loop Current transporting oil. NOAA will continue to monitor the situation daily until further notice.





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FISHERIES STATUS

Thursday, August 12, 2010: No change today, the August 10 closure is still in effect - see map below



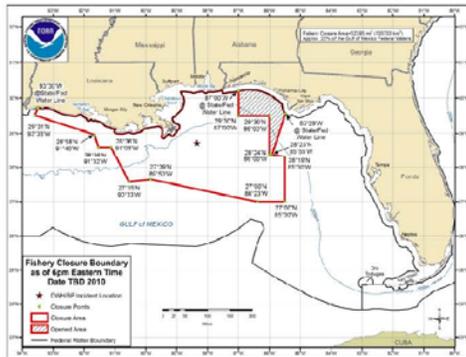
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BP Oil Spill: NOAA Re-opens Federal Waters off the Florida Panhandle to Commercial and Recreational Finfish Fishing

Effective **August 10, 2010 at 6 p.m. eastern time** (5 p.m. central time), NOAA will reopen to **finfish harvest only**, 5,144 square miles (13,323 sq km) of area it had previously closed to commercial and recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico in response to the BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Fishing for non-fish species, such as shrimp, is still prohibited in this area.

documented in the area since July 3. Trajectory models show the area is at a low risk for future exposure to oil. NOAA collected 153 finfish from this area, including commercially and recreationally important species, such as grouper, snapper, tuna, and mahi mahi. Sensory testing showed no detectable oil or dispersant odors or flavors in the samples, and the results of chemical analysis were well below levels of concern.



Map Link:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/deepwater_horizon/BP_OilSpill_FisheryClosureMap_081010.pdf

The area closed to all fishing now measures 52,395 sq mi (135,703 sq km) and covers about 22% of the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone. All commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in this closed area. Transit through the closed area is allowed. NOAA will continue to evaluate the need for fisheries closures based on the evolving nature of the spill and will re-open closed areas as appropriate.

The re-opened area was originally closed because oil was present in the area; however, no oil has been

NOAA continues to work closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the states to ensure seafood safety, by closing fishing areas where tainted seafood could potentially be caught, and assessing whether seafood is tainted or contaminated to levels that pose a risk to human health. NOAA and FDA are working together to sample seafood from inside and outside the closure area, as well as dockside- and market-based sampling.

The area closed to all fishing is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following coordinates:

North latitude	West longitude
At state/federal line	87° 00'
29° 30'	87° 00'
29° 30'	86° 00'
28° 24'	86° 00'
28° 19'	85° 30'
27° 00'	85° 30'
27° 00'	86° 23'
27° 39'	89° 50'
27° 35'	90° 33'
28° 36'	91° 08'
28° 36'	91° 32'
28° 58'	91° 40'
29° 31'	93° 36'
At the state/federal line	93° 30'
Follow the state/federal water line easterly to beginning point	



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The area reopened to finfish harvest only is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following coordinates:

North latitude	West longitude
At state/federal line	85° 29'
28° 23'	85° 55'
28° 24'	86° 00'
29° 30'	86° 00'
29° 30'	87° 00'
At the state/federal line	87° 00'
Follow the state/federal water line easterly to beginning point	

Reminders

Modeling and mapping the actual and projected spill

Ways to Receive Closure Information:

- Sign up for Southeast Fishery Bulletins: send an email to: SERO.Communications.Comments@noaa.gov
- Call 1-800-627-NOAA (1-800-627-6622) to hear a recording of the current coordinates (with messages in Spanish and Vietnamese)
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for updates
- Sign up for text messages on your cell phone: text fishing@gulf to 84469 (for more information, visit <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/558107>)
- Follow us on Twitter: usnoaagov to get a tweet when the closed area changes

area is not an exact science. NOAA Fisheries Service strongly advises fishermen not to fish in areas where oil or oil sheens (very thin layers of floating oil) are present, even if those areas are not currently closed to fishing.

If state waters are closed to fishing due to the oil spill, all vessels must comply with that closure. If state waters are not closed to fishing due to the oil spill, federally permitted vessels may fish in those waters while abiding by all other applicable regulations.

Permit holders are reminded to maintain their federal vessel permits by submitting timely reporting requirements and renewal applications, even if the vessel is not currently engaged in fishing activities.

Links for more information:

Southeast Regional Office's Web page:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm

NOAA's National Ocean Service
<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov>

Deepwater Horizon Response
<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call 1-800-440-0858.



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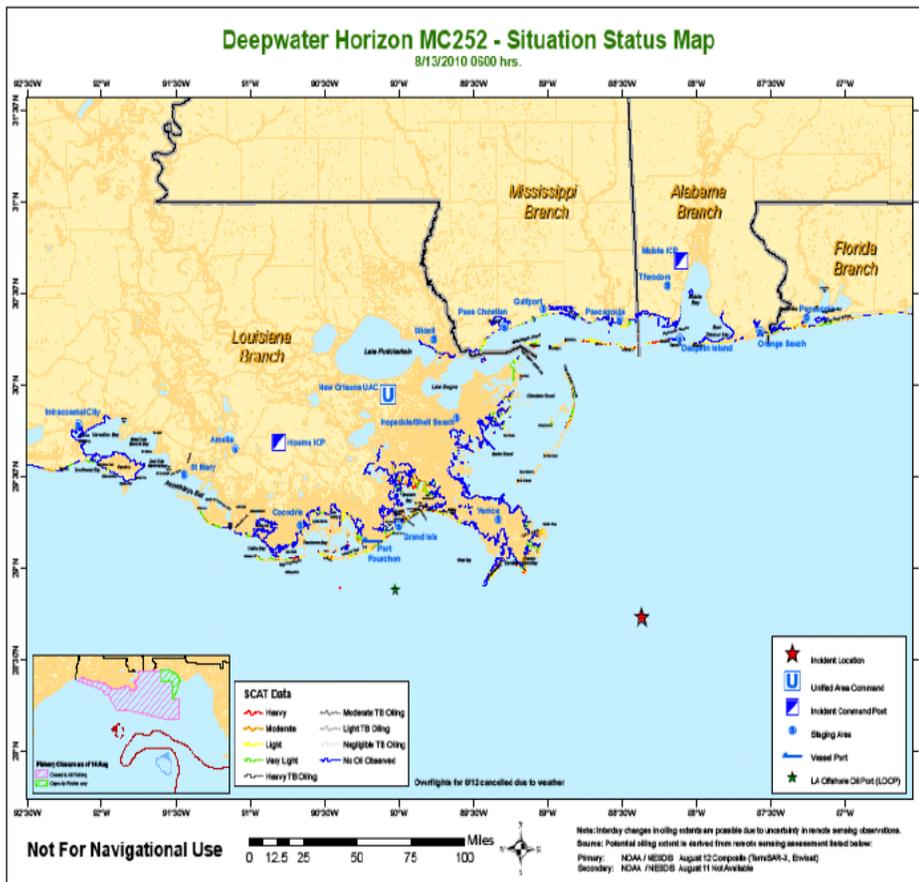
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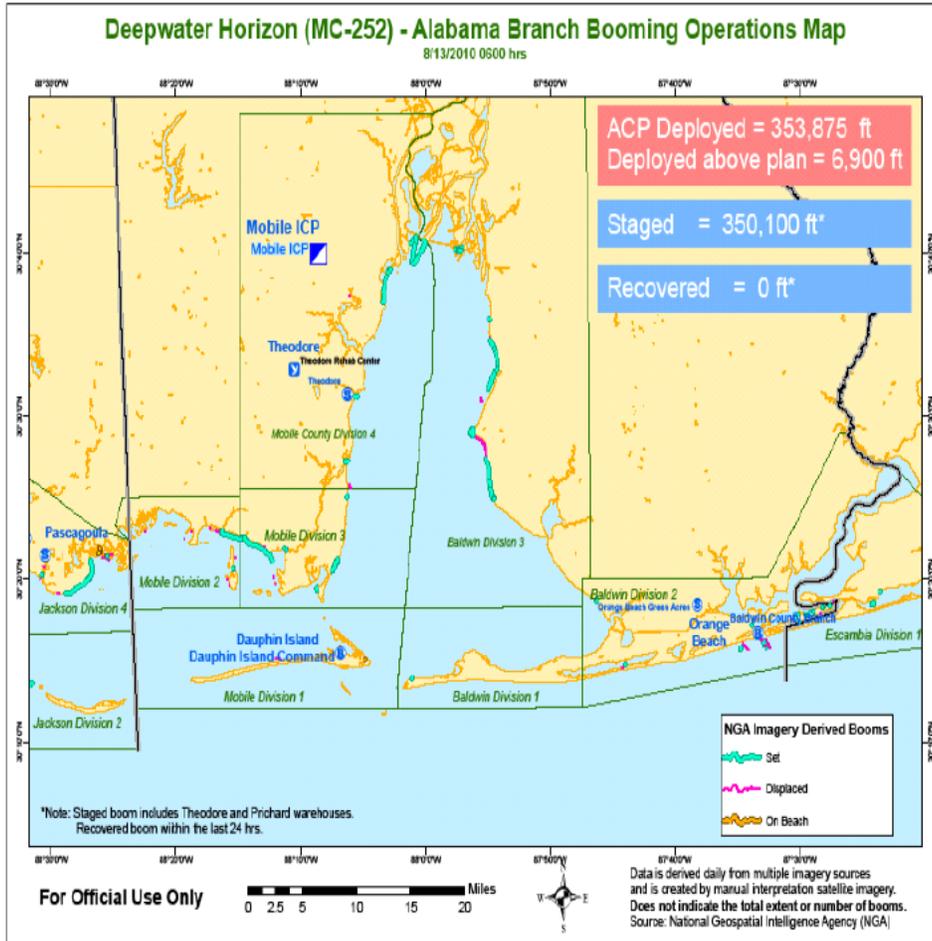
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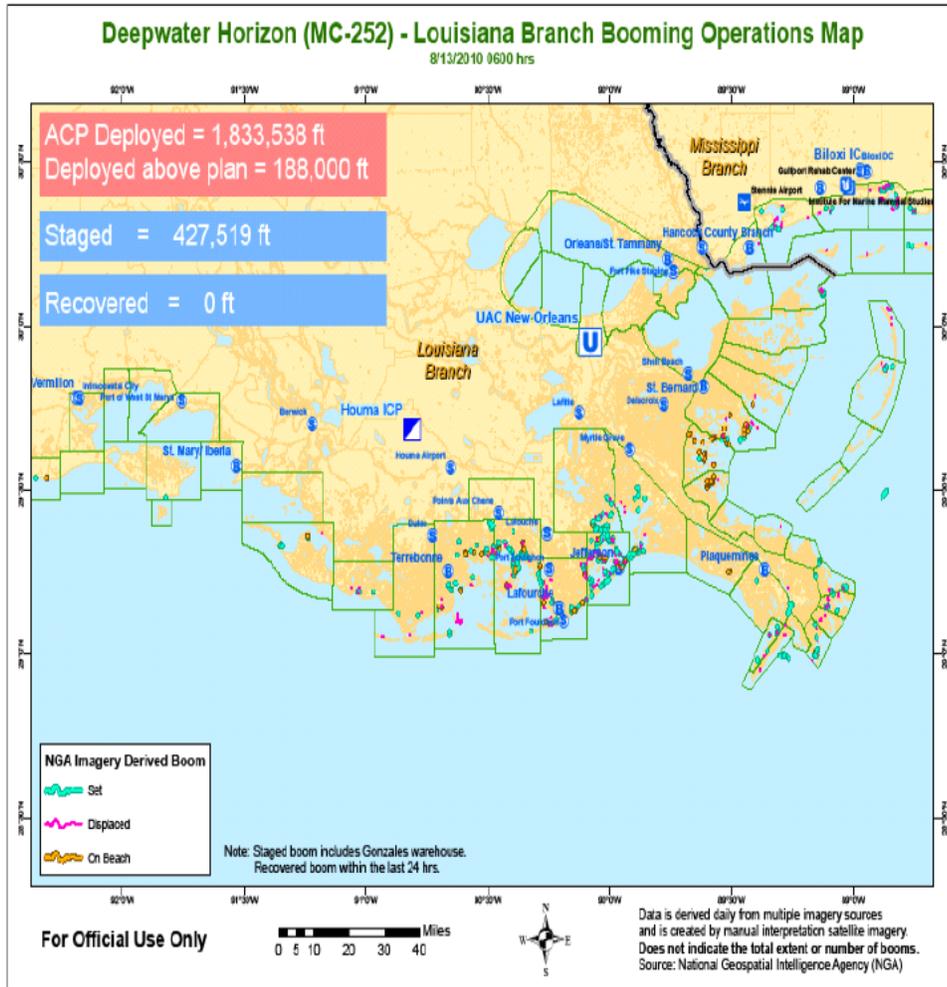
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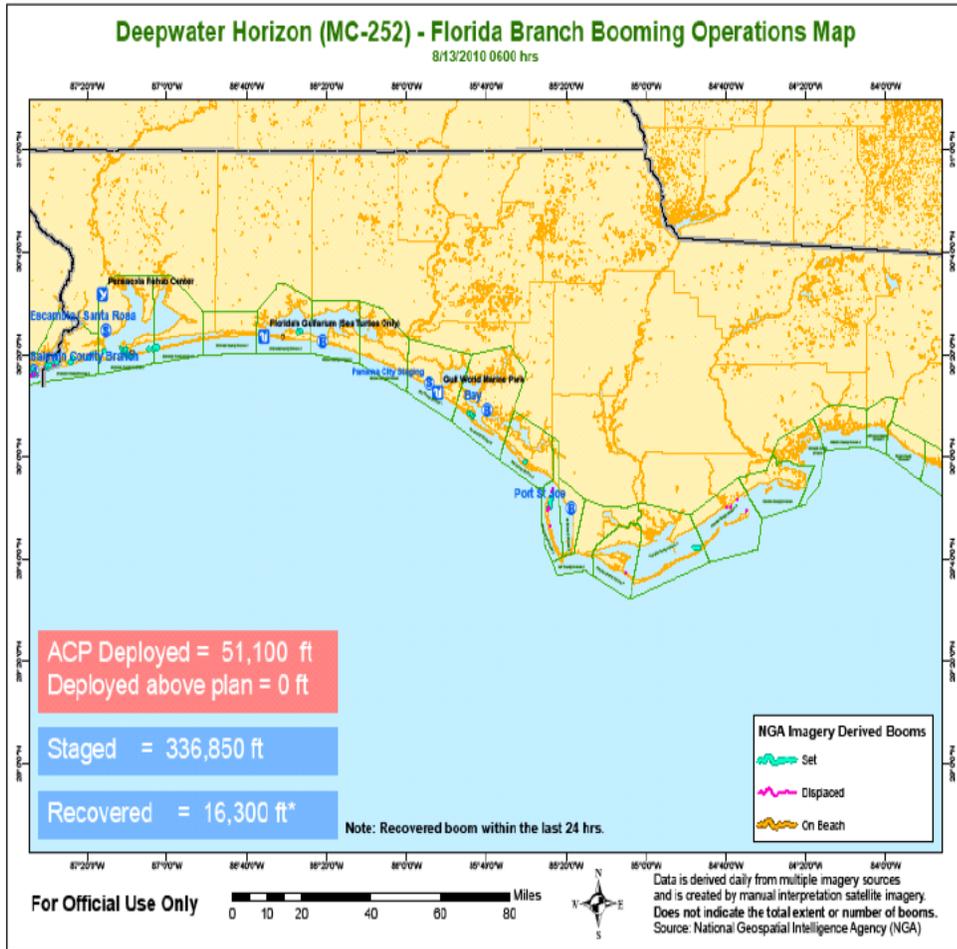
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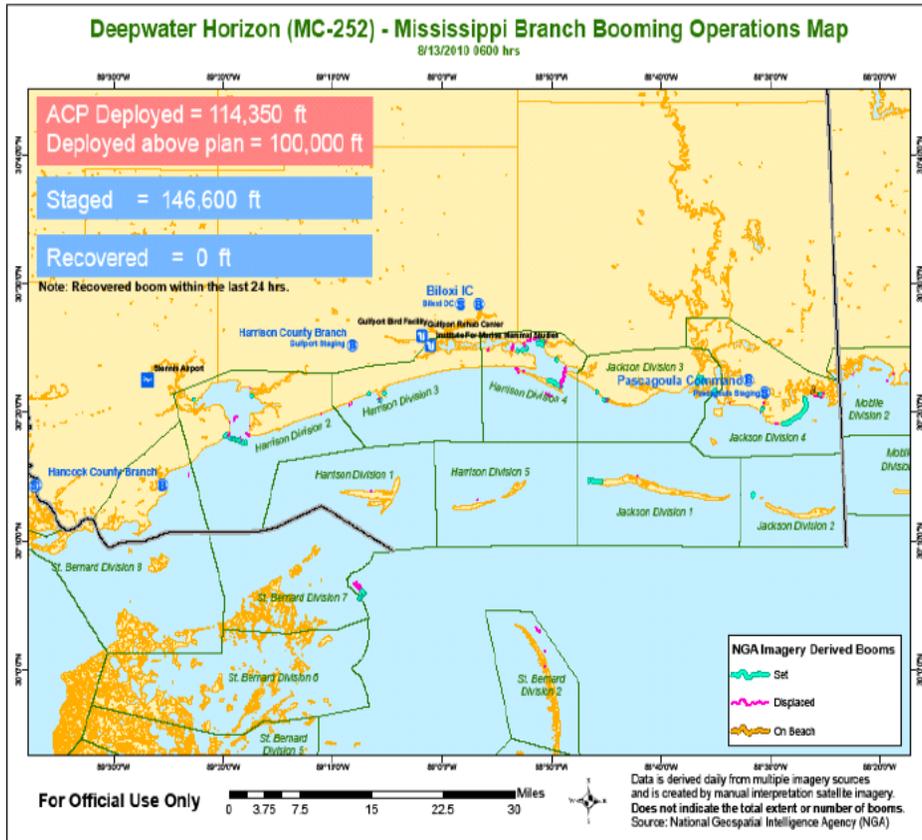
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Subject National Incident Commander Brief 0430EDT 04 August 2010

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Attached is the 0430EDT 04 August 2010 situation update.

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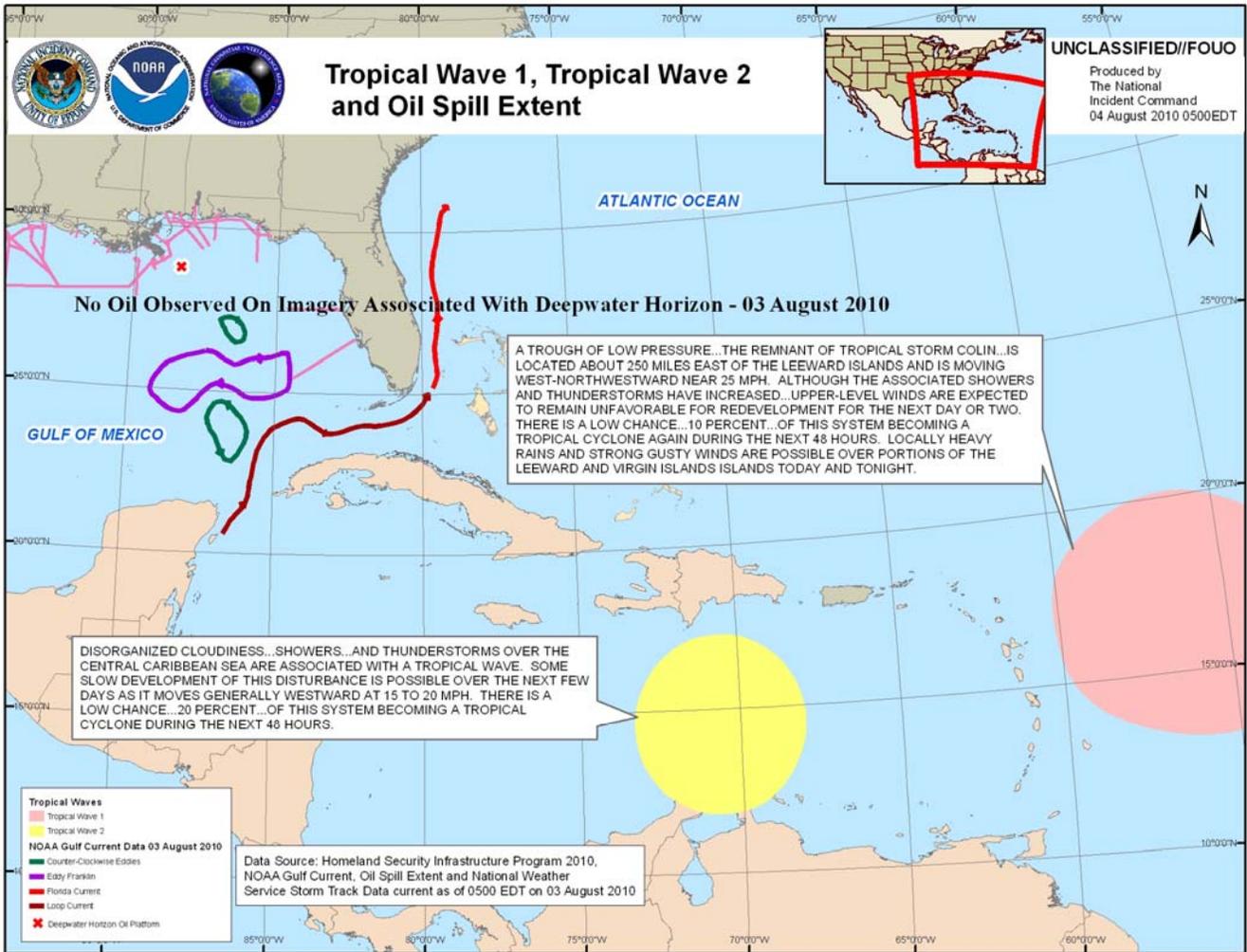




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National Incident Commander Objectives:

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2. Engage and inform the public, stakeholders and the media, keeping them apprised of response activities and plans.
3. Engage across all levels of government to develop courses of action for issues that span multiple agencies and departments.

Unified Area Command Objectives:

1. Ensure the safety and welfare of citizens and response personnel.
2. Control the source of the spill.
3. Continue to contain, recover, and dispose of spilled material.
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9. Ensure sustainability by conducting strategic planning to address long-range planning concerns; including worst case scenarios, contingencies, resources, logistics, and potential gaps.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST OPERATIONAL PERIOD: (UAC Sit Exec Sum 03 August)

- Well Integrity:
 - Monitored with sonar sweeps; two seismic runs
- Relief Wells:
 - DDIII – finished cementing and pressure testing liner
- Static Kill Preparations:
 - Mitigated isolation valve hydraulic problem by locking the inner and outer valves closed mechanically and installing a choke
 - Finished replacing gauge pack on kill line gooseneck

WEATHER: (NOAA Spot Forecast 0300EDT 04 August)

Date	Wind (kts)	Sea State	Seas (ft)	Rain (%)
Wednesday 04Aug (day)	VRB 5	Smooth	1	20
Wednesday 04Aug (night)	SSW 5	Smooth	0	30
Thursday 05Aug (day)	S 5	Smooth	1	30
Thursday 05 Aug (night)	SSW 5-8	Smooth	1	30
Friday 06Aug	SW 5-7	Smooth	1	30
Saturday 07Aug	SW 5-7		1	20
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STORM AREA #1: (NWS Forecast 1400EDT 03 August)
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SOURCE CONTROL: (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)

Vessel	0000-2359CDT 02 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	562,104 bbls <small>*includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 22,158 bbls)</small>	1,272.4 million cubic ft of gas <small>* includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 88.4 gas)</small>
Q4000	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	241,187 bbls	534.1 million cubic ft of gas
HELIX PRODUCER I	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	23,742 bbls	~56.5 million cubic ft of gas (estimated due to incorrectly calibrated meter)
Cumulative oil/gas recovered	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	827,033 bbls	~1,863 million cubic ft of gas

- **DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE (DE):** Remains shut in and standing by to produce. Top Hat #8 lowered to depth. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **HELIX PRODUCER I:** From 0000-1200L 03AUG10, 0 bbls of oil were collected and transferred to the Loch Rannoch and 0 SCF of gas were flared. The HPI had produced and transferred to the LOCH RANNOCH a total of 23,743 bbls of oil and flared ~56.5 million SCF of gas since commencement of operations in MC252. As per the Well Integrity Test, the HP I was shut-in at 1120L 15JUL10. Standing-by. T-time is 12 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
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- **SEISMIC/ACOUSTIC TESTING:** No seismic passes are scheduled for 03 August. Two passes are planned for 04 August. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **WELL INTEGRITY TEST PLAN:** Per Well Integrity Test Procedure, choke was completely closed at 1422L 15JUL10. As of 1825L 03AUG10 pressure is 5111 psi at PT-3K-2 on the three

ram capping stack. The DWH BOP has a leak with hydrate formation that is being monitored. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)

- **MONITORING:** Temperature at the casing was 39.8 degrees F. Geophones and "big ears" sensors continue monitoring that is being recorded and collected by the BOA SUB C (9275153). Geophones will be retrieved every 48 hours to limit interference with ROV operations. Continue to monitor bubbles at base of well. T-time is 1 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN:** **Injectivity test commenced approx 1425L 03AUG2010 with positive results. At 1509L 03AUG2010 the "Static Kill" commenced by pumping mud from the Q4000 through the choke and kill manifold into the choke side of the well.** The kill line of the 3-ram capping stack valves have been manually locked close. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **SUB-SEA DISPERSANT:** Dispersant injections at the BOP were secured at 1417CDT 15 July. No other dispersants used at this time. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC):** No reported VOCs. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **SHORT TERM CONTAINMENT:** DE has Top Hat #8 standing by. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 1:** Standing by. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 2:** The FSR 2 inner riser has been completed. Upper riser work scheduled. 1060' jumper installed. 2900' jumper is ready but requires 3 vessels to install and to be coordinated around the work over the well. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **SUBSEA TIE-IN:** Planning and design work are ongoing for both the Rigel and Na Kika tie-in options. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)

RELIEF WELL DATA: (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)

	Total Drill Depth (MD=measured or total drilled depth in feet)	Day # of Est. Completion Days	True Vertical Depth (from the sea floor)	Comments
DD-II	15,961'	63 of 104 (62%)	15,200'	T-Time 108 hrs
DD-III	17,864'	86 of 104 (83%)	17,108'	T-Time 94 hrs

- **DD-II:** 2nd Relief Well- DDII is 10,961' below sea floor conducting maintenance and will hold operations and await results of the DDIII relief well. T-time is 108 Hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)
- **DD-III:** 1st Relief Well- DDIII is at a depth of 12,108' below sea floor. Well conditioning and fill removal completed and the 9 7/8" casing is at 17,864'. Cementing operations complete, packing line test sat. Currently performing maintenance. T-time is 94 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 03 August)

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Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
Q4000	United States	On-scene; Operationally	Support vessels connected over the evening (BLUE	Current T-Time 82 hours. Standing by. Shut down as of 1050CDT, 15 July

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
		ready to conduct Static Kill	DOLPHIN & HOS CENTERLINE)	Operational T-Time 69 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'; conducting final pressure tests.
GECO TOPAZ	United States	On-scene	Seismic Runs	Seismic Runs Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA PISCES	United States	Departed area	Seismic Runs	Seismic Runs with acoustics Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA HENRY B. BIGELOW	United States	On-scene	Site Monitoring	Seismic Runs with acoustics Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
NOAA GORDON GUNTER	United States	On-scene	Marine Mammal Research	Conducting marine mammal research Operations may continue in sea states < 10'
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	Marshall Islands	On-scene	Containment	T-time is 49 hours. On site, lowered Top Hat #8 to depth. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
HELIX PRODUCER I	Bahamas	On-scene	Oil Production Will process 20-25,000 bbls of oil/day at the CDP-1 free standing riser. Standing by to receive containment if required	T-time is 12 hours Operational T-Time 30 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
LOCH RANNOCH	United Kingdom	On-scene	Shuttle Tanker Hooked up to HP I & planning to receive 115 bbls of oil from HP1 tomorrow 2 Aug	Capacity is 1,000,000 bbls (40 days on station at full HPI production). Total volume on board is 24,628 bbls. T-time 0 hour
DISCOVERER CLEAR LEADER	Marshall Islands	Standing by Ship Shoal Block 363	Containment	On DP stand by at SS363. 3800' flexible on deck. Capacity is 125,000 bbls. T-Time 0 hours
DISCOVERER INSPIRATION	Marshall Islands	Mississippi Canyon Block 467	Demobilizing	Previously landed capping stack, preparing for demobilization
SKANDI NEPTUNE	Norway	On location	ROV operations; ready for dispersant application if necessary	
MASSACHUSETTS	United States	Moored New Orleans, LA	Shuttle Tank Barge Transfers oil from the DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	
EVI KNUTSEN	Norway	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in area of Loop Anchorage	The tanker will store oil processed by the TOISA PISCES which has no storage capacity Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours
NAVION FENNIA	Bahamas	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker	DP trials with TOISA PISCES completed, no discrepancies noted Capacity is 750,000 bbls. T-time is 0 hours

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SEILLEAN	Panama	Arrived at Galveston, TX 23 July	Containment USCG inspection team will complete Port State Control Exam prior to depart for MC252	Capacity is 310,000 bbls. Standing by at anchorage offshore Houston-Galveston ship channel. T-time is 0 hours
OVERSEAS CASCADE	United States	Standing by in field	Shuttle Tanker Standing by in the field	On standby in the field. T-time is 0 hours
TOISA PISCES	Liberia	Standing by in LOOP anchorage area	Shuttle Tanker Standing by for production/containment	The vessel is expected to hook up to the CDP-2 free standing riser to continuously process oil. All tests 100% complete all test, ready to commence operations at MC252. T-Time 0 hours
SEACOR RIGOROUS	United States	At staging area	Support	Deployed 12" lightering transfer hose that will be used between HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
LA CHEVAL	United States	At staging area	Support	Deployed 12" lightering transfer hose that will be used between HELIX PRODUCER & LOCH RANNOCH
NORMAND FORTRESS	Norway	On location	Construction support Standing by for lightering if needed	Install the pipeline crossing for the 2 subsea pipeline alternatives
WEST SIRIUS	Panama	Standing by at MC 427	Construction support	Install freestanding Riser 2

CRITICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: (Critical Resources Unit 03 August)

- The list of International offers of Assistance will be posted to HSIN on Monday evenings at 1900EDT
- **International Offers of Assistance: Government to Government**
 - As of 03 August, the NIC has received 67 offers from 33 countries and International Organizations
 - 40 offers were for critical resources, 39 have been accepted
 - In total, 46 govt and Intl Org offers have been accepted to date
- **International Offers of Assistance: Private, Government and IMO Facilitated**
 - As of 03 August, the NIC has received 58 offers of assistance from private companies
 - 25 offers were submitted directly by private entities
 - 33 offers were facilitated by foreign governments or the IMO
 - 34 offers were for critical resources, 6 offers have been accepted
- **Domestic Offers of Resources**
 - As of 03 August, the NIC has received 78 domestic offers
 - 20 originated through the Homeport website
 - 9 offers have been accepted
 - 27 offers were for critical resources; none have been accepted
- **Skimmers (DWH AAG 02 August; Critical Resources Email 1627EDT 03 August)**

Foreign Skimmers	Domestic Skimmers	Navy Skimmers	Skimmers Freed up by Emergency Rule
49	831	54	27

- As of 03 August, 835 Skimmers now in theatre. Skimmer numbers published on “Deepwater Horizon At A Glance” daily slide.
- State by State listing of all Inshore and Near Shore skimmers now listed in NIC Deepwater Horizon Response “At a Glance” spreadsheet.
- UAC confirms 309 skimmers delivered on 19 July. (UAC 1600EDT 29 July)
- Number of foreign skimmers in theatre recently verified by UAC CRU (1600EDT 29 July).
- **Domestic Sources:**
Homeport website to collect skimmer availability went live on 01 July at 0900.
- **DOD: RFA 78B**
In theater: 23 offshore skimmers, 27 shallow water skimmers, 4 Harbor Busters, and 35 tow boats.

CLEAN- UP/RESPONSE OPERATIONS SHORESIDE: (DWH AAG 1011EDT 02 August)

	LA	MS	AL	FL	TX	TOTAL
Current Miles of Shoreline Impact	369.0	110.5	73.7	90.3	0	643.5
People Assigned	1,152	810	1,576	2,086	8	5632

TEXAS:

SHORELINE: No SCAT currently scheduled.

INSHORE: A total of 13 tar balls collected today for a diminutive amount. Total recovered 117.66 cubic yards of oily solids.

NEARSHORE: NSTR

OFFSHORE: NSTR

LOUISIANA:

OFFSHORE: Currently only sheening found.

SHORELINE: Currently only light oiling found.

INSHORE: Currently only light oiling found. Fishing vessel skimming Task Forces and Shallow Water Barge Skimming Systems were operational.

TOTAL BARRELS COLLECTED OFFSHORE: 0 bbls

TOTAL BARRELS COLLECTED ONSHORE/NEARSHORE: 38 bbls

MISSISSIPPI:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in state of Mississippi. Crews responded to light impact of tarballs in Hancock County. Crews continued to cleanup Belle Fontaine Beach, Petit Bois, Cat, and Ship Islands. Crews conducted night operations on Hancock Beach.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom monitoring, surveillance and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. All decon sites continued building up capacity.

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ALABAMA:

SHORELINE: Crews responded to reports of tarballs in Perdido Pass and Baldwin County. Crews manually cleaned beaches in Mobile and Baldwin Counties. Beach cleaning machines conducted night operations on Dauphin Island and in Baldwin County.

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FLORIDA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in the state of Florida; re-oiling reported in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Cleanup crews continued manual cleanup in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton Counties. Crews conducted mechanical cleaning in Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

NEARSHORE: VOOs conducted boom monitoring, surveillance and tarball collection. All Task Forces continued scouting and patrolling. Optimization of offshore VOO fleet size continues. All decon sites continued building up capacity; Port St. Joe site is operational.

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SAFETY/PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NSTR**OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

(NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 03 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining	\$24,621,997.71
Fed Project Ceiling	\$442,500,000.00
Obligated funds to Date	\$404,113,443.01
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining	\$38,386,556.99

BP CLAIMS SUMMARY: (BP Claims 03 August) Not reported on weekends.

- Total Number of Claims: 140,465
- Total Amount Disbursed: Over \$277,026,719
- Number of Claims Denied: 0
- Number of Checks Disbursed: 95,913

BP CLAIMS CALL CENTER (Last 24 Hours): (BP Claims 03 August) Not reported on weekends

- Calls Received: 1,277
- Call operators: 141
- Checks written: 3,305
- Managers/adjusters in field: 1,262
- Claim Centers: 29

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (UAC Sit Exec Sum 03 August)

- Well Integrity: Continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
- Relief Wells:
 - DDIII- on stand by while Static Kill proceeds
 - DDII- on stand by
- Static Kill Preparations:

- Pressure test lines from Q4000 to Horizon BOP
- Conduct injectivity test
- Start pumping mud for Static Kill
- ENTERPRISE: on stand by
- HELIX PRODUCER: on stand by

NIC STRATEGIC EFFORTS:

- **FRTG Flow Rate Analysis**

On 31 July, 2010 the Government released new daily estimates of oil flow based on the best available data. Total discharge is estimated at 4.93 million barrels with an uncertainty of +/- 10%. The cumulative range of oil released during the event estimated to be between 4,435,260 and 5,420,820 barrels. The revised estimates that the discharge rates ranged from 62,000 bbl/day at the start of the incident to 53,000 bbl/day when the well was capped on 15 July with an uncertainty factor of $\pm 10\%$. The uncertainty factor in the best government estimate was used to create a Higher Flow Estimate and a Lower Flow Estimate report in the Oil Budget Tool. Based on reports of major explosions and burning oil from the first two days of the incident (20-21 April), the FRTG estimate begins on 22 April. In general, the discharge rate trended down over time due to decreasing pressure observed after the well was capped. Severing the riser on 04 June (Day 45), resulted in an estimate of discharge increase of approximately 4%. The Oil budget Calculator was updated on 31 July, 2010 using the revised Government flow estimates.

- **International Engagement Strategy**

NIC Strategic Planning staff continues to coordinate with DOS in regards to potential oil spill impacts to Cuba, Bahamas, and other affected countries. A Mexican scientific delegation will visit the NIC in the morning of 04 August with follow-up scientific presentations at the DOS in the afternoon. There will be approximately 30 participants including 15 Mexican representatives and others from NOAA, EPA, USGS, BOEM, USCG, and DOS.

- **Hurricane/Severe Weather Contingency Plan**

DWH Severe Weather Contingency Plan (SWCP) revision 5 is available on HSIN. Members can access and distribute as needed. The current plan is digitally searchable.

- **NIC Strategy Implementation**

NIC Strategy Implementation version 3.0 has been signed and is available via HSIN in the Interagency Strategic Planning folder. A draft NIC Strategy Implementation version 4.0 is in progress and will be distributed to IASG for comment.

- **Transition Planning**

NIC Interagency Strategic Planning is developing a NIC Transition Plan. Upon shut-in of the well (top and bottom kill), and with very little recoverable oil remaining, the need for a NIC will diminish rapidly. The requirement to effectively transition from the current NIC to a Regional Incident Commander (RIC) must be planned and executed with consideration of NIC functions, multiple factors, and competing interests. The NIC functional transition will be driven by conditions and as these conditions are met, they will drive the evolution and transition of the NIC to a RIC.



National Incident Commander Daily Situation Update

0430EDT 04 August 2010 - H0430EDT 04 August 2010 All emails sent by "Richard Windsor" were sent by EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson

Deepwater Horizon Spill Response

(Updates in RED)

The RIC will be an interim construct, similar to the NIC yet with reduced functions and authorities. The RIC will continue to provide federal oversight to the ongoing response and recovery efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.

- **NIC Lessons Learned**

NIC Strategic Planning is developing a NIC focused Lessons Learned/Best Practices plan for implementation. The intent of this plan is to capture lessons learned from all NIC team members, plans, policies, procedures, and response systems.



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NOC-PRODUCED SENIOR LEADERSHIP BRIEF

1100 EDT 03 August 2010

The Senior Leadership Brief is updated Monday through Friday only.

Secretary of Homeland Security Priorities

- Ensure Responsible Party (RP) continues efforts to permanently stop the oil leak.
- Ensure all capabilities (government, private, and commercial) and resources are being leveraged to protect the environment and facilitate a rapid, robust cleanup effort.
- Ensure every effort is being made to include and inform the local communities in support of response operations.

Current Situation

- **Oil Stoppage**
 - **Well Integrity Plan**
 - Well Integrity Test ongoing. (NIC)
 - Oil flow remains secured.
 - **Three-ram capping stack pressure is 6,984 pounds per square inch.**
 - Monitoring minor BOP leak and hydrate formation.
 - **No seismic runs conducted on 1 Aug.**
 - **2 seismic runs planned for 2 Aug.**
 - **Hydrostatic Control Plan:**
 - Plans continue for a static kill of the well. (NIC)
 - **Vessel Q4000 currently rigged up and ready to perform static kill operation with the BJ BLUE DOLPHIN and HOS CENTERLINE alongside with static kill mud.**
 - **Static kill scheduled to commence 3 Aug after Drill Rig DDIII casing is installed, cemented, and tested.**
 - **Relief Wells**
 - **Drill Rig DDIII (first relief well) commenced cementing operations; drill depth 12,615 ft below sea floor (17,864 ft below drill floor). (NIC)**
 - **Drill Rig DDII (second relief well) conducting maintenance and will hold operations and await results of the DDIII relief well; drill depth 10,743 ft below sea floor (15,961 ft below drill floor). (NIC)**
 - **Long Term Containment and Disposal Project (CDP)**
 - CDP-1: Standing by. (NIC)
 - CDP-2: Standing by. (NIC)
 - **Subsea Tie-In**
 - Planning and design ongoing. (NIC)
 - **Lower Marine Riser Package (LMRP) TOP HAT**
 - Vessel ENTERPRISE standing by with TOP HAT 8. (NIC)

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Good Morning Admiral Allen,

Attached is the 0430EDT 19 August 2010 Situation Update.

Operational highlights below:

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Fed Project Ceiling:	\$541,767,579.00
Obligated funds to Date:	\$464,913,595.35
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining:	\$76,853,983.65

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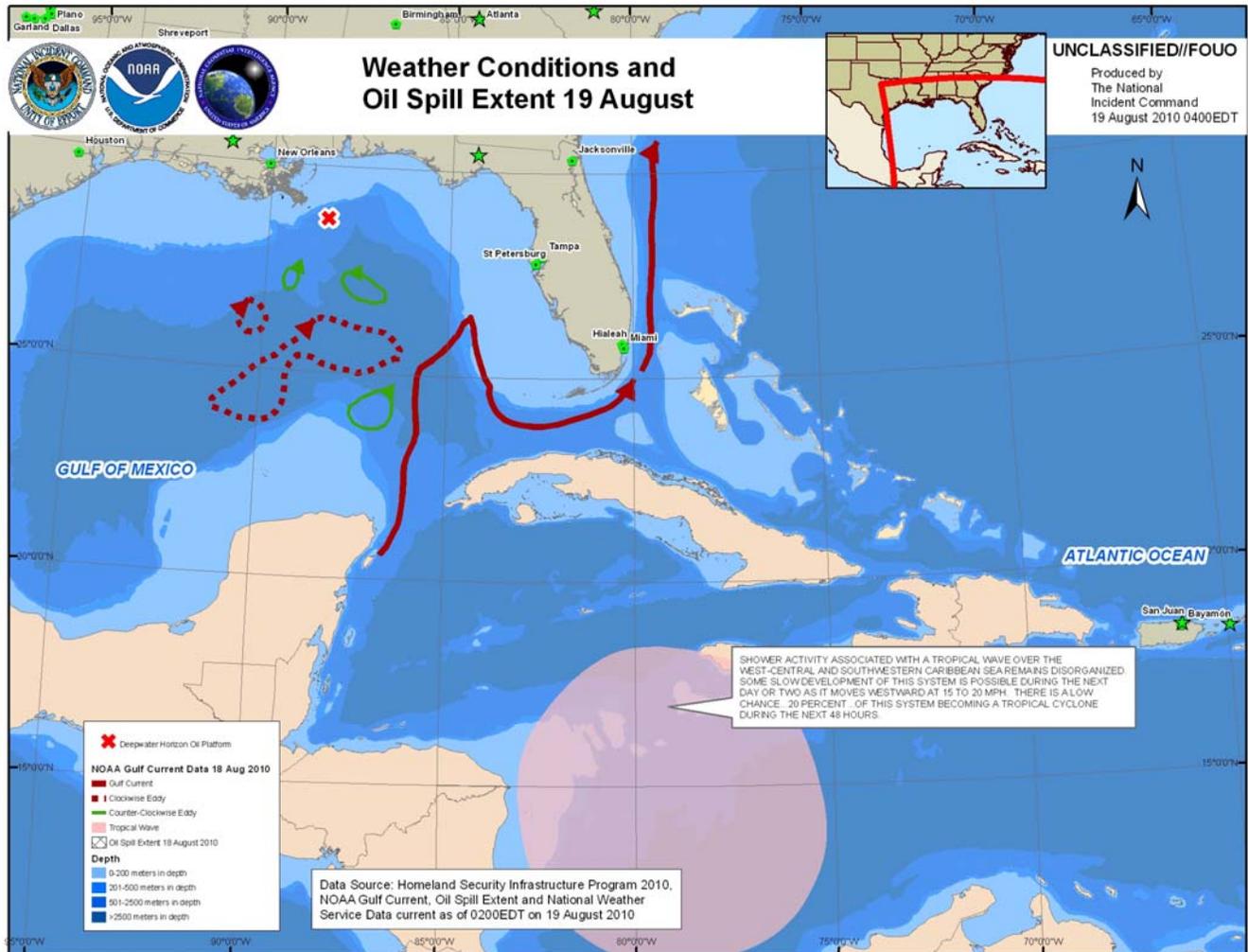




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National Incident Commander Objectives:

1. Establish and manage a coordinated interagency response effort to effectively employ all resources required to mitigate current and long term environmental and economic impacts of the incident.
2. Engage and inform the public, stakeholders and the media, keeping them apprised of response activities and plans.
3. Engage across all levels of government to develop courses of action for issues that span multiple agencies and departments.

Unified Area Command Objectives:

1. Ensure the safety and welfare of citizens and response personnel.
2. Control the source of the spill.
3. Continue to contain, recover, and dispose of spilled material.
4. Continue to maximize use and availability of advanced source control and response technologies.
5. Continue to maximize the protection, assessment, and response to environmentally, sensitive areas and wildlife risk.
6. Ensure stakeholders, government officials, and the public are kept informed of source control and response actions.
7. Minimize social, political, economic, and environmental impacts.
8. Continue to optimize critical resource utilization and effectiveness from all agencies and organizations across all response areas.
9. Ensure sustainability by conducting strategic planning to address long-range planning concerns; including worst case scenarios, contingencies, resources, logistics, and potential gaps.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST OPERATIONAL PERIOD: (UAC Sit Exec Sum 18 August)

- Well Integrity: monitored with sonar sweeps, visual observation, and pressure/temperature information; no anomalies
- DD III: standby at casing shoe during near-ambient pressure test
- DD II: continued rig maintenance and prepared to temporarily plug and suspend the well
- Q4000: continued near-ambient pressure test
- Enterprise: deployed LDIS / capping stack connection system to depth and prepared to latch to capping stack

WEATHER: (NOAA Spot Forecast 1605EDT 17 August)

Date	Wind (kts)	Sea State	Seas (ft)	Rain (%)
Thursday 19 August - Day	SW 8-12	Choppy	3	70
Thursday 19 August - Night	SW 5-10	Lt. Chopp	2-3	30
Friday 20 August	SW 7-10	Lt. Chop	2	20
Saturday 21 August	SW 5-8	Choppy	2	30
Sunday 22 August	W 12-16	Choppy	4	40
Monday 23 August	NW 7-10	Choppy	3	30

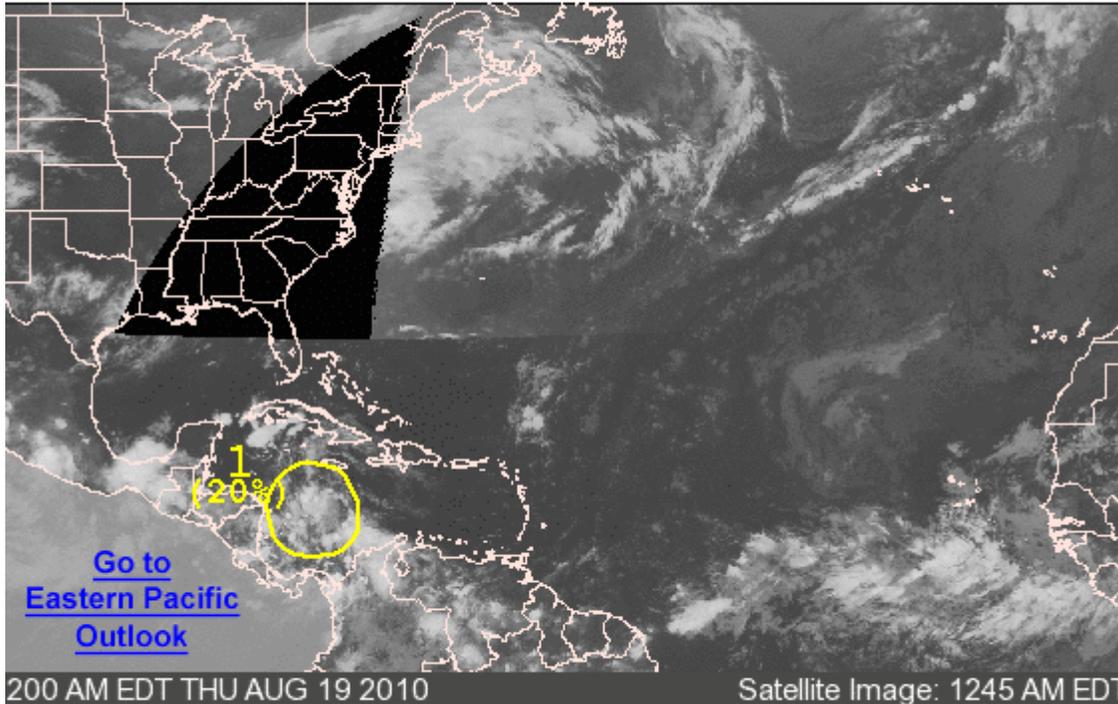
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Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Outlined areas denote current position of systems discussed in the Tropical Weather Outlook. Color indicates probability of tropical cyclone formation within 48 hours.

Low <30%
 Medium 30-50%
 High >50%

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SOURCE CONTROL: (Houston Update 1230 15 August)

Vessel	0000-2359CDT 18 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	562,104 bbls <small>*includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 22,158 bbls)</small>	1,272.4 million cubic ft of gas <small>* includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 88.4 gas)</small>
Q4000	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	241,187 bbls	534.1 million cubic ft of gas
HELIX PRODUCER I	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	23,742 bbls	~56.5 million cubic ft of gas (estimated due to incorrectly calibrated meter)

	0000-2359CDT 18 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
Vessel	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
Cumulative oil/gas recovered	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	827,033 bbls	~1,863 million cubic ft of gas

- **DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE (DE):** ran the H4 connector on 3 1/2" drill pipe to depth for flushing operations and is standing by. T-time is 36 hours. (Ops Update 1127EDT 18 August)
- **HELIX PRODUCER I:** The HP I was shut-in at 1120CDT 15 July. Standing-by. T-time is 12 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **Q4000:** has isolated all manifold valves to the LDIS and is continuing near ambient pressure test. Plan is once ambient test is complete, the Q4000 will displace the fluid in the lines to the DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE. T-time 82 hours. (Houston Update 1351EDT 17 August)
- **SEISMIC/ACOUSTIC TESTING:** There is one Surface Acoustic Survey scheduled for 18AUG10 by NOAA. Acoustic activities are ongoing. (Ops Update 1127EDT 18 August)
- **MONITORING:** Well pressure is 2386 psi (PT_3K_2) at 1243CDT; the near ambient pressure test started 12AUG10; bled off pressure yesterday to maintain ~2500psi per the Post Pressure Test procedure. Today at 1300CDT, the pressure will be increased back up to ~2500 psi as the pressure is reaching the Ambient level. Plan to continue Near Ambient testing per Ops Note. Temperature at the casing was 39.6 degrees F. Geophones and "big ears" sensors continue monitoring that is being recorded and collected by the BOA SUB C. Geophones will be retrieved once test are complete. Continue to monitor bubbles at base of well. T-time is 1 hours. (Operations Update 1127EDT 18 August)
- **HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN:** Well pressure remains stable, further indicating a successful cement plug. (Operations Update 1127EDT 18 August)
- **SUB-SEA DISPERSANT:** Dispersant injections at the BOP were secured at 1417CDT 15 July. No other dispersants used at this time. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC):** No reported VOCs. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SHORT TERM CONTAINMENT:** DE has Top Hat #8 standing by. T-time is 49 hours. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 1:** Standing by. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **LONG TERM CONTAINMENT AND DISPOSAL PLAN 2:** The FSR 2 inner riser has been completed. Upper riser work scheduled. 1060' jumper installed. 2900' jumper is ready but requires 3 vessels to install and to be coordinated around the work over the well. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **SUBSEA TIE-IN:** Planning and design work are ongoing for both the Rigel and Na Kika tie-in options. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)

RELIEF WELL DATA: (Houston Update 0623EDT 17 August)

	Total Drill Depth (MD=measured or total drilled depth in feet)	Day # of Est. Completion Days	True Vertical Depth (from sea level)	Comments
DD-II	15,961'	64 of 104 (63%)	15,200'	T-Time 101 hrs

DD-III	17,909'	94 of 104 (92%)	17,152'	T-Time 93 hrs
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- **DD-II:** 2nd Relief Well- is holding at a depth of 15,961' (15,200' TVD), 10,961' below sea floor; Is making preparations for Temporary Abandonment (T&A) operations. T-time is 101 Hours. (Operations Update 1127EDT 18 August)
- **DD-III:** 1st Relief Well- DDIII well remains at a depth of 17,909' (17,152' TVD) and 12,153' below seafloor. DDIII ran bit to previous casing shoe and is awaiting further orders. No drilling is scheduled to commence until after ambient pressure test is concluded and discussion with science team is completed. T-time 93 Hours (Houston Update 0707EDT 18 August) DDIII is conducting "In Place" BOP testing on the Blind Shears (should be completed today 18 August). (Houston Update 1242EDT 18 August)
- **DWH BOP REMOVAL PREPARATIONS:** Current proposed plan is to commence removal of the capping stack and DWH BOP OOA 18 Aug using Q4000 and DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE . First phase of preparations will be the flushing of the BOP and Capping Stack from the Q4000 to the DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE & HP1 through the H4 connector followed by an Ambient Test. (Houston Update 1242EDT 18 August)
- **PLUG AND ABANDONMENT (P&A):** Procedures for P&A are being developed for submittal. (Operations Update 1127EDT 18 August)

VESSELS ON SCENE (Houston Update 1133EDT 08 August)

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NORMAND FORTRESS	Norway	On location	Construction support Standing by for lightering if needed	Install the pipeline crossing for the 2 subsea pipeline alternatives
HOS ACHIEVER	Vanuatu	On-scene	Dispersant Injection	
BOA DEEP C	Spain	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
BOA SUB C	Malta	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	
HOS CENTERLINE	United States	On-scene	DDII Support	

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
BJ BLUE DOLPHIN	United States	On-scene	DDIII Support	

CRITICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: (Critical Resources Unit 1716EDT 17 August)

- The list of International offers of Assistance will be posted to HSIN on Monday evenings at 1900EDT
- **International Offers of Assistance: Government to Government**
 - As of 17 August, the NIC has received 69 offers from 33 countries and International Organizations
 - 41 offers were for critical resources, 40 have been accepted
 - In total, 47 government and International Organization offers have been accepted to date
- **International Offers of Assistance: Private, Government and IMO Facilitated**
 - As of 17 August, the NIC has received 60 offers of assistance from private companies
 - 25 offers were submitted directly by private entities
 - 35 offers were facilitated by foreign governments or the IMO
 - 36 offers were for critical resources, 6 offers have been accepted
- **Domestic Offers of Resources**
 - As of 17 August, the NIC has received 79 domestic offers
 - 20 originated through the Homeport website
 - 9 offers have been accepted
 - 27 offers were for critical resources; none have been accepted
- **Skimmers (DWH AAG 0701EDT 18 August)**

Foreign Skimmers	Domestic Skimmers	Navy Skimmers	Skimmers Freed up by Emergency Rule
49	835	54	27

- As of 16 August, 835 Skimmers are now in theatre. Skimmer numbers published on "Deepwater Horizon At-A-Glance" daily slide.
- State by State listing of all Inshore and Near Shore skimmers now listed in NIC Deepwater Horizon Response "At-A-Glance" spreadsheet.
- UAC confirms 309 skimmers delivered on 19 July. (UAC 1600EDT 29 July)
- Number of foreign skimmers in theatre recently verified by UAC CRU (1600EDT 29 July).
- **Domestic Sources:**
Homeport website to collect skimmer availability went live on 01 July at 0900.
- **DOD: RFA 78B**
In theater: Supsalv Equip, 27 shallow water skimmers, 4 Harbor Busters, and 35 tow boats.

CLEAN- UP/RESPONSE OPERATIONS SHORESIDE: (DWH AAG 0701EDT 18 August)

	LA	MS	AL	FL	TX	TOTAL
Current Miles of Shoreline Impact	359.6	117.5	72.9	130.8	0	680.8
People Assigned	680	404	1,602	1,827	0	4513

TEXAS:

SHORELINE: No SCAT currently scheduled.

INSHORE: Total recovered to date 117.67 cubic yards of oily solids.

NEARSHORE: NSTR

OFFSHORE: NSTR

LOUISIANA:

OFFSHORE: Currently only sheening found, not suspected to be MC 252 oil.

SHORELINE: Currently Oiled: Heavy to Moderate: 111.5 miles; Light to Trace: 248.1 miles; Total: 359.6 miles.

INSHORE: Currently only light oiling found.

TOTAL BARRELS COLLECTED ONSHORE/NEARSHORE: 0 bbl (0 bbls collected offshore)

MISSISSIPPI:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported. All operations secured due to inclement weather.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: 11.0 total miles; Light to trace: 106.5 total miles; Total: 117.5 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs secured operations due to inclement weather.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma retains tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

ALABAMA:

SHORELINE: No new oil impacts reported. Crews continued beach cleaning in Gulf Shores, Ft. Morgan, and Orange Beach. Ten beach cleaning machines continued operations in Baldwin County.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: 5.0 miles; Light to trace: 67.9 miles; Total: 72.9 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs and Inland Waster Strike Teams continued boom removal in Baldwin and Mobile Counties.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma retains tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

FLORIDA:

SHORELINE: No new oiling reported in the state of Florida. Re-oiling in the form of tarballs continued in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Crews performed limited manual and mechanical operations due to weather. Night operations conducted in Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties where weather permits.

CURRENTLY OILED: Heavy to Moderate: total 3.5 miles; Light to trace: total 127.2 miles; Total: 130.7 miles.

NEARSHORE: VOOs and Inland Water Strike Teams conducted minimal operations due to adverse weather conditions.

OFFSHORE: ICP Houma retains tactical control of five ICP Mobile offshore assets.

SAFETY/PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NSTR**OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

(NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 2007EDT 18 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining	\$17,726,422.40
Fed Project Ceiling	\$541,767,579.00
Obligated funds to Date	\$ 464,913,595.35
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining	\$ 76,853,983.65

BP CLAIMS SUMMARY: (BP Claims 18 August)

- Total Number of Claims: 152,194
- Total Amount Disbursed: \$375,940,918
- Number of Claims Denied: 0
- Number of Checks Disbursed: 120,837

BP CLAIMS CALL CENTER (Last 24 Hours): (BP Claims 18 August)

- Calls Received: 757
- Call operators: 95
- Checks written: 120,837
- Managers/adjusters in field: 1,245
- Community Offices and Claim Centers: 36

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (UAC Exec Sum 18 August)

- Well Integrity: continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
- DD III: standby at casing shoe during near- ambient pressure test
- DD II: continue preparations to temporarily plug and suspend the well
- Enterprise: transit to wellhead and prepare to latch-up to capping stack

NIC STRATEGIC EFFORTS: (Interagency Strategic Planning Group 1325 16 August)

- **International Engagement Strategy**
NIC Strategic Planning staff continues to coordinate with DoS to provide information to countries requesting DWH related information. A Mexican scientific delegation visited the NIC on 04 August. NOAA presentation to the delegation was held at DoS. There were approximately 30 participants including 15 Mexican representatives and others from NOAA, EPA, USGS, BOEM, USCG, and DOS.
- **Hurricane/Severe Weather Contingency Plan**
DWH Severe Weather Contingency Plan (SWCP) revision 5 is available on HSIN. Members can access and distribute as needed. The current plan is digitally searchable.



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(Updates in RED)

- **NIC Strategy Implementation**

NIC Strategy Implementation version 3.0 has been signed and is available via HSIN in the Interagency Strategic Planning folder. A draft NIC Strategy Implementation version 4.0 has been completed and has been distributed to IASG for comment.

- **Transition Planning**

The first draft of the NIC Transition Plan is complete and has been forwarded to the NIC Staff and the IASG for review and comment. The NIC functional transition will be driven by conditions and as these conditions are met, they will drive the evolution to a RIC. The RIC will be an interim construct, similar to the NIC yet with reduced functions and authorities. The RIC will continue to provide federal oversight to the ongoing response and recovery efforts.

- **NIC Lessons Learned**

NIC Strategic Planning has developed a NIC focused Lessons Learned and Best Practices Plan. The intent of this plan is to capture lessons learned and best practices from all NIC team members, plans, policies, procedures, and response systems and to incorporate them into LLIS. The NIC Lessons Learned/Best Practices form is available on HSIN on the Deepwater Horizon MC252 home page under national level reports and is also available in the Strategic Plans public folder at \\HQS-nas-t-001\NIC-MS252\NIC-HQ-Strategic-Plans\Strategic Planning Topics\Lessons Learned\LL Plan & Forms (final).



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Today's Events

We continue to assess the condition of the well. We are working to streamline the timeline for future response efforts. Adm. Allen provided direction to take the blowout preventer from Development Driller II and bring that to the scene. In addition, we are bringing the Discoverer Enterprise in over the well. Over the next day, we will use the Q4000 and the Discoverer Enterprise to circulate extraneous materials and liquids that are in the blowout preventer, the area of the well above the cement plug, and the capping stack. Then, we will fill it with seawater and conduct an ambient pressure test to ascertain if there are any issues regarding well integrity with the annulus.

NOAA administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco and Adm. Thad Allen participated in a release of 23 rehabilitated sea turtles back into the Gulf of Mexico near Cedar Key, Fla. To date, approximately 500 live turtles have been rescued during the Gulf oil spill, and more than 450 stranded or captured turtles have had visible evidence of external oil. Approximately 350 turtles are still in rehabilitation facilities and will be released as they are given clean bills of health.

The bottom-kill and fate of the oil remain topics of discussion across various media platforms.

JIC MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS:

- NOLA No engagement with national media
- Mobile No engagement with national media
- Houma Jim Carvel on an overflight of Barataria Bay with RADM Zukunft 19AUG2010
- Florida Peninsular No engagement with national media

Targets of Opportunity

19 Aug. – No NIC conference call scheduled.

19 Aug. - Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco and CEQ Chair Nancy Sutley will tour the Delta National Wildlife Refuge in Venice, La. and the areas affected by the BP oil spill .

Key Message

“We at NOAA remain extremely concerned about the impact of this spill on the health of the Gulf of Mexico and the millions of people who depend on it for their livelihoods and enjoyment. NOAA, along with our partners in the academic and private research institutions and other federal agencies, remain vigilant in our efforts to track and monitor the oil from the marshes to the open ocean, from the surface to the bottom of the gulf. And we will remain in the gulf for as long as it takes to assess the damage and restore the ecosystems.”

Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Administrator of NOAA



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Key Efforts

Wednesday, August 18

1300 VADM Robert Parker, LANTREA visited RAT and BSU (New Orleans)

FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Thursday, August 19

0730 VADM Robert Parker, LANTREA visit to Grand Isle

0830 Secretary Ken Salazar, Administrator Lisa Jackson, Chair Nancy Sutley, and Under Secretary Dr. Jane Lubchenco visit Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Meeting and flyover to Venice, LA

Friday, August 20

TBD VADM Robert Parker visit to UAC

Tuesday, August 31

0600 International Observer Program (Houma, La)

Wednesday, September 1

0600 International Observer Program (Houma, La)

Today's Inquires

Intergovernmental Congressional

New Inquiries Opened Today	0	0
Total Inquiries Open To Date (since 6/26 – add yesterday's total to new inquiries)	70	120
Inquiries Closed Today	0	0
Total Inquires Closed To Date (since 6/26 – add yesterday's to new inquiries closed)	62	105
Inquiries Currently Pending Response	0	0

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New Inquiries	1
Inquiries Pending	1
Inquiries Closed	1

What Others Are Saying – Social Media Report



Social Media Statistics:

Statistical data on social media gains and losses will be provided each Monday to allow for an easier and quantifiable number for recipients of this report.

Today's top issues

- Chemical dispersant chemical composition and toxicities that are not released in common MSDS or by EPA. <http://bit.ly/cHHnx9>
- Social media sites and users increasingly wary and skeptical of UAC claims of dispersant use cessation. (UAC Facebook page)
- Increasing blog coverage of rural VOO operator claims that they are directed to move away from sheens and oiled areas, only to have out of state skiffs and sometimes planes pass them as they head in. Claims are that these aircraft and watercraft are spraying dispersants at night. When operators return the next day all sheen has sunk and potent and noxious smells along with white foam is in its place. <http://bit.ly/9JMnSq>
- Increasing coverage of independent scientific studies completed in Gulf region that describe a plankton and microbial impacts due to droplets of dispersed oil settling across the seabed. This topic arose yesterday and is gaining speed among bloggers and social media users. <http://bit.ly/btOJmL> and UAC Facebook.
- Increasing amount of blogs show concern over management of claims for fishermen and seafood industry partners. <http://bit.ly/bTHC2U>
- Coverage of sea turtle release remains fairly positive; however inquiries were placed on UAC Facebook page as to why fish are not included in Fisheries and Wildlife statistical compilation of rescued, oiled, dead and released animals. UAC Facebook, <http://bit.ly/dq27af>
- Noted coverage from multiple blog sites that question where the Coast Guard will when response efforts slow down. <http://bit.ly/cun9Mq>

Information released today by UAC Social Media Group

- Scientists Release the First Rescued, Rehabilitated Sea Turtles Back into the Gulf <http://ht.ly/2rpSI>
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- For anyone interested in the more current topic of what is being done with sea turtles, I recommend taking a look at NOAA's website. You can also read up on what they are doing during the DWH response. You can find it here: <http://www.facebook.com/usnoaagov>
- Operations and Ongoing Response – August 18, 2010 <http://ht.ly/2rky1>
- MEDIA ADVISORY: Teleconference to discuss Sea Turtle Release and Provide Operational Update on Ongoing Deepwater Horizon/BP Oil Spill Response Efforts <http://ht.ly/2rjxh>
- Deepwater Horizon Response Consolidated Fish and Wildlife Collection Report <http://ht.ly/2rivic>
- Ambient Pressure Test Results from PT_3K_2 Transmitter <http://ht.ly/2rgQC>
- Coast Guard Cutter Venturous Returns Home from Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response <http://ht.ly/2rf4z>
- The Ongoing Administration-Wide Response to the Deepwater BP Oil Spill <http://ht.ly/2rf1U>

Social media tone synopsis Facebook and Twitter

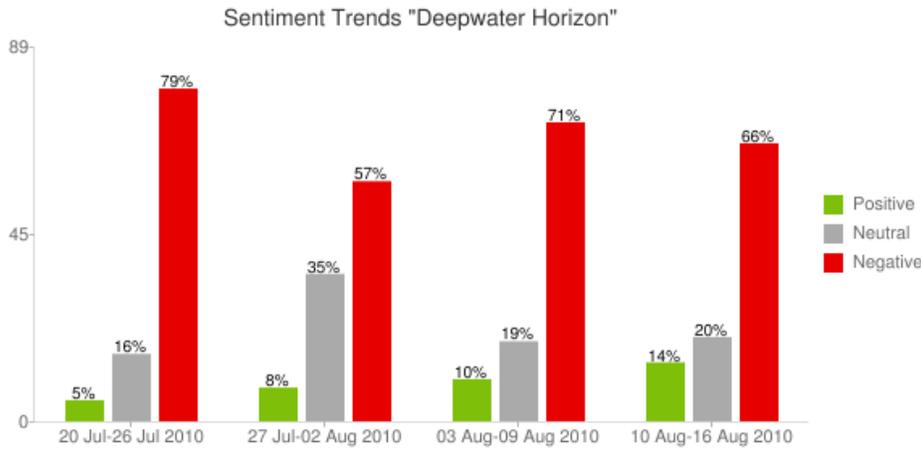
Negative: Tone of responses across social media networks remains poor. Users continue to sound concerns, vent frustrations and posit theories of conspiracy and continuance of dispersant applications. Numerous postings lean toward users considering the Coast Guard as a subsidiary or puppet entity of BP.

Positive: UAC Social Media notices an increase of positive responses whenever relaying and cross posting from NOAA and Fisheries and Wildlife websites and releases. Photos, video and multimedia from other sources than the UAC provide increased transparency to the public and bolster opinion. Total number of Facebook "likes" has increased by 3% over the past three days.



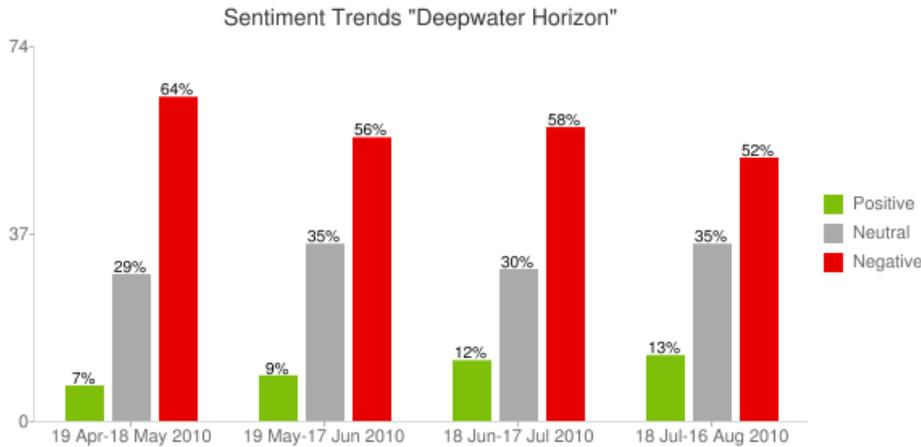
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Traditional Media Sentiment (4 week compilation to date)



Figures denote an increase of neutrality by 1% and decrease of negativity by 5% and increase of positive sentiment by 4%.

Facebook Trend & Sentiment (4 week compilation to date)



Figures denote an increase of positive coverage by 1%, increase of neutrality by 6% and decrease in negativity by 6%

TRADITIONAL MEDIA

Speculation remains that the government may not have thought out the steps taken to permanently kill the well and that oil remains lurking below the surface. Two reports released by the University of Georgia and the University of South Florida claim that sub-sea oil and dispersant particles are impacting the marine life starting at the bottom of the food chain – i.e., photoplankton. The reports released lead to the speculation that the oil has simply sank to the bottom of the Gulf and is making its way through an underwater canyon known as the DeSoto. Coverage also focused on the sea turtle release with Admiral Allen, and the new independent agency that will take over the claims process from BP

Deadline Submitting Claims to BP, Future Claims to GCCF Wednesday is the last day for afflicted businesses and people to submit claims directly to BP. After today, all claims will be directed to the Gulf Coast Claims Facility – the independent administrator of the \$20B compensation fund run by Kenneth Feinberg. BP has paid out \$368mm in claims.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/US/08/18/gulf.oil.disaster/index.html>

Disappearing Marshlands Far Greater Disaster than Oil Spill Dredging for navigation, oil production and drilling has seriously damaged the Gulf Coast’s fragile estuary ecosystem. Seafood producers are also responsible and the hundreds of miniature spills caused



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by Hurricane Katrina have leached millions of gallons of toxins into the area. Comprehensive look at the issue, from history and environmental impact to rebuttals from industry leaders: a serious problem with no clear exit strategy; although there is hope that Gulf Spill will bring attention to the issue. <http://bit.ly/9wKGuw>

Shareholders demanding far more environmental data BP's historic crisis in the Gulf of Mexico and Massey Energy's coal mining disaster in West Virginia together are driving investor campaigns to make oil, gas and other energy companies disclose far more information about the environmental and safety risks they take on. Adding its momentum to the trend, the Securities and Exchange Commission recently issued new guidelines that make it easier for investors to place environmental risk-focused shareholder proposals onto proxies for annual meetings, something that companies used to bat away with impunity. <http://bit.ly/cIYQIK>

Hundreds of Payout Letters sent without Claim Checks in Alabama In a repeat of a smaller scale problem in Florida, in Alabama hundreds of claim payout letters have been sent without their checks attached. Claimants are angry, accusing BP of holding onto the checks for interest money and holding it up as an example of how dysfunctional the process has become. BP responded saying the missing checks were the result of systems failures, but did not disclose how many checkless letters had been sent. BP says that anyone missing a check should contact a claims office. http://blog.al.com/live/2010/08/bp_sends_letters_with_no_check.html

Should BP have to pay Mental Health claims? The American Psychiatric Association says that BP should payout mental health claims just as it would any other health claim. The APA objected recently to testimony from Gulf Coast Claims Facility chief Kenneth Feinberg after he said that it was unlikely that any of the \$20B compensation fund would be used to pay mental health claims. The National Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health America also objected to Feinberg's testimony. <http://bit.ly/bH34Z0>

Alabama Suit Could Stall Claims says Governor Governor Bob Riley submitted a claim for \$148mm to BP the very day that his rogue attorney general filed two suits against the oil giant. Over the weekend BP notified Riley that it was putting its decisions on hold pending the lawsuit. Some say the suit was inevitable, others that the suits will leave Alabama vulnerable and that litigation should have been held in reserve. Editor suggests it may be wiser to take BP's money now and then try to extract more if damages have not been settled. http://blog.al.com/live/2010/08/talbot_bob_riley-troy_king_feu.html

Why No Fishermen on Oil Spill Recover Panel? The first meeting of a Mississippi oil spill recovery commission drew complaints about the absence of commercial fishermen on the panel – including one very vocal woman who insisted that fishermen make up at least a third of the panel. The panel included representatives from the state Department of Marine Resources and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, the local business community, scientists and local government entities. Gov. Barbour says he thinks adding commercial fishermen to the panel is 'a good idea.' <http://bit.ly/9qNnMt>

Oil Spill a Catastrophe for Vietnamese Fishing Communities The nearly 20,000 Vietnamese fishermen and –women on the Gulf Coast, not to mention the tens of thousands more employed in the oil and maritime industries have been hit hard by the spill. Given that English is usually a second language for the community, filing claims and complaining have been a problem. So too have scams. But this is a resilient community, used to storms and other calamities. NGOs are helping out with the problem. <http://bit.ly/bNHspw>

Oil Eating Microbes: A Picture Show Scientific American presents a slide show and detailed introduction to the microscopic lifeforms responsible for consuming the spill. Eventually the entire spill, but for "the heaviest, nastiest stuff: asphaltene and other big-chain hydrocarbons that go on to form the millions of tar balls dotting the world's oceans." Microbes are limited in their ability to consume the spill, not by food source (as they would be eating oil) but by the lack of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous that usually wash into the ocean from rivers. <http://bit.ly/ckhKVU>

First turtles rehabilitated after oil spill released into Gulf of Mexico Admiral Thad Allen, ret. USCG, left, and Dr. Jane Lubchenko, right, National Oceanic and Atmospheric administrator, release the first two of 23 rehabilitated Kemp's Ridley sea turtles in the Gulf off Cedar Key, Fla., Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. Twenty two of the turtles were found offshore from Destin, Fla., and Venice, La. and were moderately to heavily oiled. <http://bit.ly/bfcXVP>

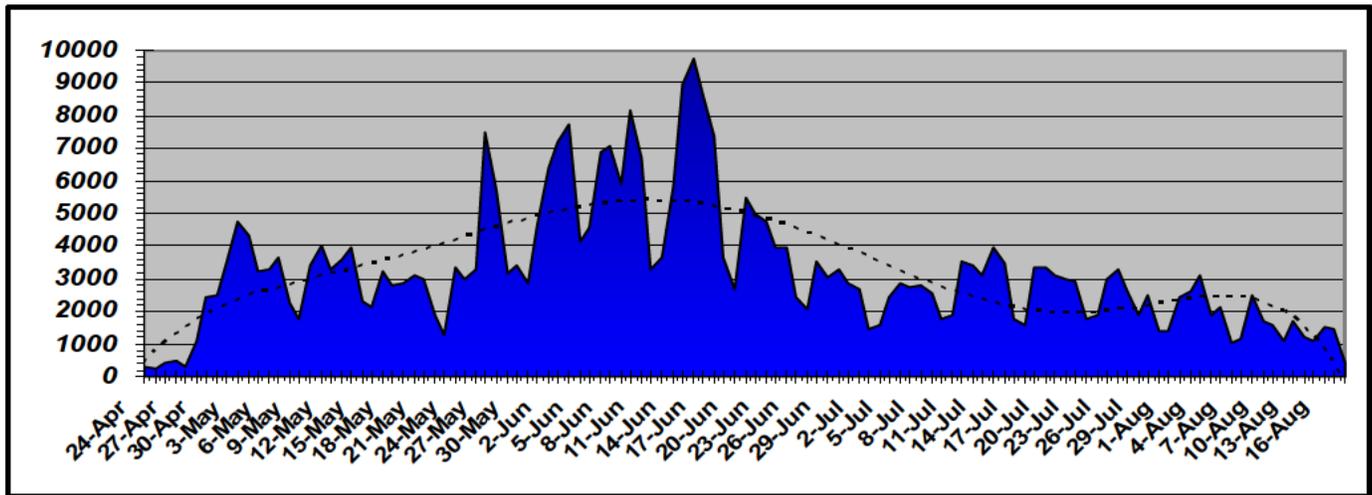
Oceanographer To Challenge US Claims On Spill Clean up An oceanographer will tell Congress on Thursday that the Obama administration was "misleading" when it claimed that about three-quarters of the oil that gushed from a broken BP PLC (BP, BP.LN) well in the Gulf of Mexico had been broken down or cleaned up. <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100818-711960.html>



Article Summary for August 18, 2010

	Print	Online	Broadcast	Blogs	Social Media
Monday, August 09, 2010	54	1422	303	541	167
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	57	842	200	453	127
Wednesday, August 11, 2010	51	838	192	383	103
Thursday, August 12, 2010	30	534	107	368	78
Friday, August 13, 2010	63	877	258	370	123
Saturday, August 14, 2010	29	801	102	185	77
Sunday, August 15, 2010	62	674	57	217	74
Monday, August 16, 2010	54	814	224	370	71
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	64	694	210	393	75
Wednesday, August 18, 2010	17	200	40	121	49
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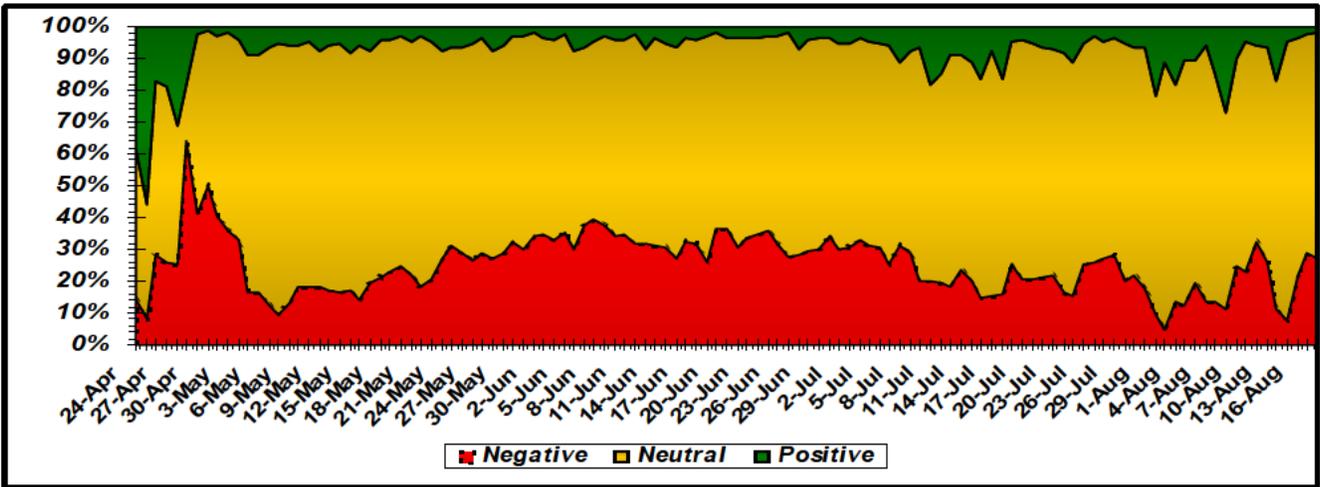
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Article Tone Over Time

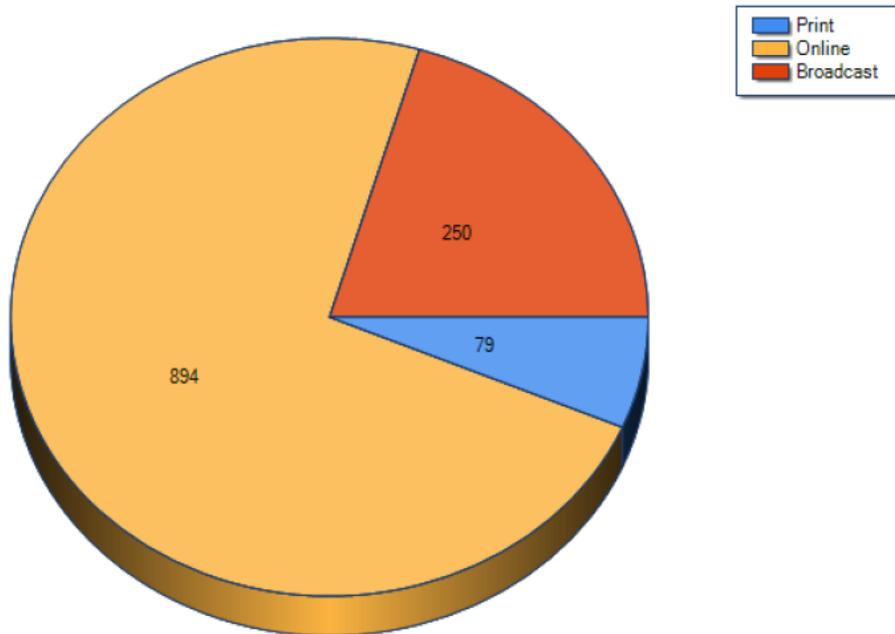


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Articles by Media Type





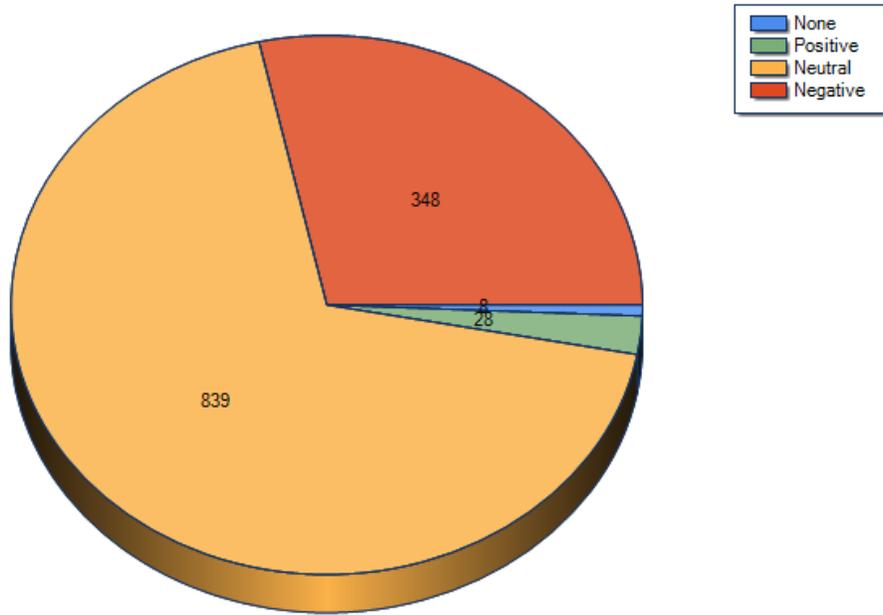
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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER 24-HOUR SUMMARY

Prepared by the Joint Information Center

UPDATED August 18, 2010 7 PM

* For a full timeline of the Administration-wide response, visit the White House Blog <<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/issues/Deepwater-BP-Oil-Spill>> .

PAST 24 HOURS

Scientists Release the First Rescued, Rehabilitated Sea Turtles Back into the Gulf

NOAA administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco and National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen joined state, federal, and partner biologists as they released 23 Kemp's ridley sea turtles back into the Gulf of Mexico near Cedar Key, Fla., after the turtles were successfully rescued and rehabilitated from the effects of the Deepwater Horizon/BP oil spill.

Scientists selected the area on Florida's Gulf Coast for release because it is an important foraging area for the species, the water was never oiled, and the habitat provides everything these turtles need for survival. The full press release can be viewed here <<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/871447/>> .

"I'm pleased that Admiral Allen and I were able to assist with the release of these turtles. And we thank all of our partners in this rescue and rehabilitation effort," said Dr. Lubchenco. "This is a wonderful day for all involved—but especially for the turtles."

Admiral Allen and Dr. Jane Lubchenco Provides an Update on the BP Oil Spill Response

National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen and NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco provided a briefing to inform the American public and answer questions on the administration-wide response to the BP oil spill. A full transcript is available here <<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/872525/>> .

"We continue to assess the condition of the well. The science team continues to meet with the BP engineers. There are a couple of things we are doing to reduce the timeline for what will occur after decisions are made. One is the direction I provided, to take the blowout preventer from Development Driller II, the second relief well, and make preparations to bring that to the scene. Whether we put a new blowout preventer before or after the bottom kill will be needed, so this is an effort that will have to be expended anyway," said Admiral Allen.

"In addition to that, we are bringing the Discoverer Enterprise in over the well. And over the next day, we will use the Q4000 and the Discoverer Enterprise to actually circulate any extraneous materials and liquids that are in the blowout preventer, the area of the well above the cement plug, and the capping stack to purge that system



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completely. And when we are done, we will fill it with seawater, and then we will do an ambient pressure test with the same type of liquid that's inside the blowout preventer that is outside the blowout preventer to ascertain if there are any issues regarding well integrity with the annulus and any types of leakage," he said.

FWS Personnel Continue Wildlife Rescue and Recovery Missions Across the Region

From the Mobile, Ala., Incident Command Post, 23 two-person teams, 19 vessels and one helicopter continued the search for oil impacts and injured or oiled wildlife. To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.

Approved SBA Economic Injury Assistance Loans Surpass \$22.2 Million

SBA has approved 250 economic injury assistance loans to date, totaling more than \$22 million for small businesses in the Gulf Coast impacted by the BP oil spill. Additionally, the agency has granted deferments on 837 existing SBA disaster loans in the region, totaling more than \$4.5 million per month in payments. For information on assistance loans for affected businesses, visit the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, call (800) 659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Administration Continues to Oversee BP's Claims Process

The administration will continue to hold the responsible parties accountable for repairing the damage, and repaying Americans who have suffered a financial loss as a result of the BP oil spill. To date, 152,194 claims have been opened, from which nearly \$376 million have been disbursed. No claims have been denied to date. There are 1,245 claims adjusters on the ground. To file a claim, visit www.bp.com/claims or call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118. Additional information about the BP claims process and all available avenues of assistance can be found at www.disasterassistance.gov <<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>> .

By the Numbers to Date:

* The administration has authorized the deployment of 17,500 National Guard troops from Gulf Coast states to respond to this crisis; currently, 1,335 are active.

* More than 27,197 personnel are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines.

* More than 3,980 vessels are currently responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.

* Approximately 2.11 million feet of containment boom** and 8.78 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed to contain the spill—and approximately 1.29 million feet of containment boom and 3.36 million feet of sorbent boom are available.



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- * More than 34.7 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.
 - * Approximately 1.84 million gallons of total dispersant have been applied—1.07 million on the surface and 771,000 sub-sea. Approximately 577,000 gallons are available.
 - * 411 controlled burns have been conducted, efficiently removing a total of more than 11.14 million gallons of oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife. Because calculations on the volume of oil burned can take more than 48 hours, the reported total volume may not reflect the most recent controlled burns.
 - * 17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines.
 - * Approximately 678 miles of Gulf Coast shoreline is currently oiled—approximately 359 miles in Louisiana, 117 miles in Mississippi, 72 miles in Alabama, and 130 miles in Florida. These numbers reflect a daily snapshot of shoreline currently experiencing impacts from oil so that planning and field operations can more quickly respond to new impacts; they do not include cumulative impacts to date, or shoreline that has already been cleared.
 - * Approximately 52,395 square miles of Gulf of Mexico federal waters remain closed to fishing in order to balance economic and public health concerns. Approximately 78 percent remains open. Details can be found at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.
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- * For specific information about the federal-wide response, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/deepwater-bp-oil-spill>.
- * To contact the Deepwater Horizon Joint Information Center, call (713) 323-1670.
- * To volunteer, or to report oiled shoreline, call (866) 448-5816. Volunteer opportunities can also be found here <<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/page/2931/45895/>> .



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- * To submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity skimming system, or to submit alternative response technology, services, or products, call 281-366-5511.
- * To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.
- * For information about validated environmental air and water sampling results, visit www.epa.gov/bpspill
<<http://www.piersystem.com/Local%20Settings/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Local%20Settings/amy.shlossman/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.Outlook/SH44ZNFZ/www.epa.gov/bpspill>> .
- * For National Park Service updates about potential park closures, resources at risk, and NPS actions to protect vital park space and wildlife, visit <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/oil-spill-response.htm>.
- * For Fish and Wildlife Service updates about response along the Gulf Coast and the status of national wildlife refuges, visit <http://www.fws.gov/home/dhoilspill/>.
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- * In addition, www.disasterassistance.gov <<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>> has been enhanced to provide a one-stop shop for information on how to file a claim with BP and access additional assistance—available in English and Spanish.
- * Any members of the press who encounter response personnel restricting their access or violating the media access policy
<<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/posted/2931/MEDIA.582663.PDF>> set forth by Admiral Allen should contact the Joint Information Center. Click here
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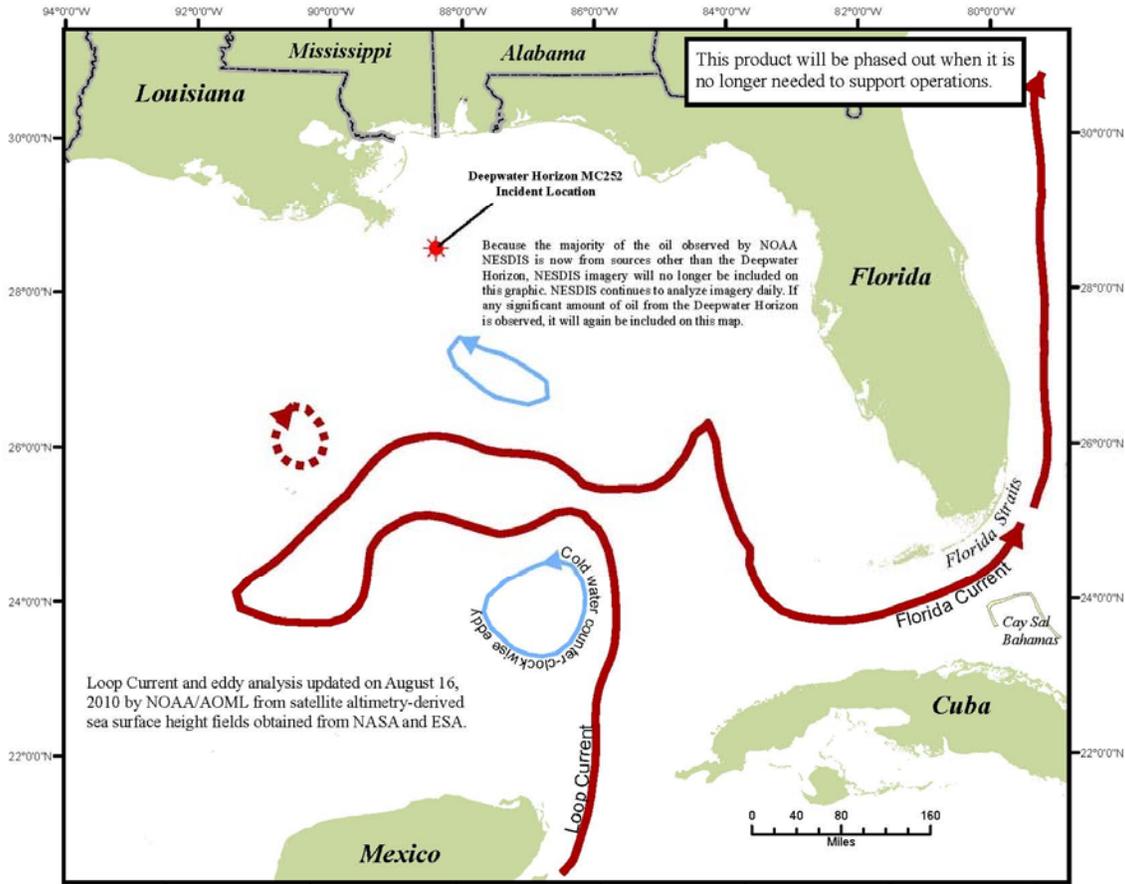
Loop Current Location Relative to Oil Slick
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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is closely monitoring the Deepwater Horizon MC252 (BP oil spill) slick's proximity to the Loop Current in the Gulf of Mexico.

- The Loop Current is an area of warm water that comes up from the Caribbean, flowing past the Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico) and into the Gulf of Mexico.
- It generally curves east across the Gulf and then flows south parallel to the west Florida coast; there it becomes the Florida Current as it moves through the Florida Straits, joins the Gulf Stream and travels up the Atlantic Coast, veering progressively farther away from the coast.
- Sometimes the northern part of the Loop Current separates from the main Loop Current, forming a large rotating region of water, known as an eddy.
- There are also smaller eddys that form along the edges of the Loop Current.

Both the location of the Loop Current and location of the oil slick are dynamic and constantly changing. The present location of the oil is identified daily through analysis of satellite imagery, observer overflights and advanced technology on aircraft. This information is also keeping us informed of how far away the oil is from the Loop Current each day. If oil from the spill enters the Loop Current, it would take at least a few days or more to reach the Florida Straits. During this transit time, the natural processes of evaporation and dispersion would reduce the oil volume significantly, and make it less toxic. The remaining oil would be mostly in the form of tarballs.

The figure below, depicts the present location of the Loop Current and the location of the Deepwater Horizon well. There has been no indication of oil in or near the Loop Current for over seven weeks, the well has not released any significant oil since July 15 and there has been no oil observed on the water surface for a number of days; therefore, at present there is no risk of the Loop Current transporting oil. NOAA will continue to monitor the situation daily until further notice.





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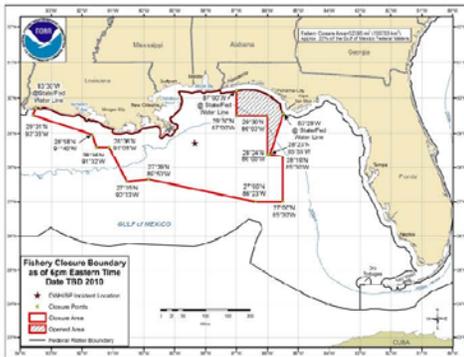
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area is not an exact science. NOAA Fisheries Service strongly advises fishermen not to fish in areas where oil or oil sheens (very thin layers of floating oil) are present, even if those areas are not currently closed to fishing.

If state waters are closed to fishing due to the oil spill, all vessels must comply with that closure. If state waters are not closed to fishing due to the oil spill, federally permitted vessels may fish in those waters while abiding by all other applicable regulations.

Permit holders are reminded to maintain their federal vessel permits by submitting timely reporting requirements and renewal applications, even if the vessel is not currently engaged in fishing activities.

Links for more information:

Southeast Regional Office's Web page:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm

NOAA's National Ocean Service

<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov>

Deepwater Horizon Response

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call 1-800-440-0858.



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Oil Slick Situation Status Map

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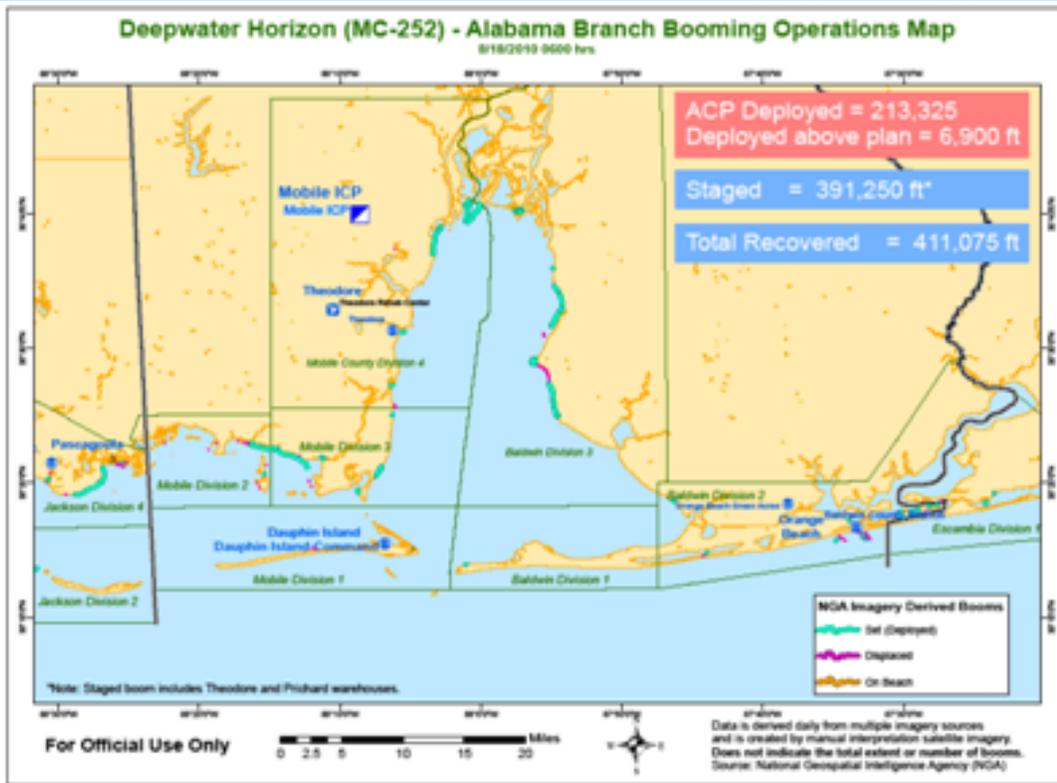


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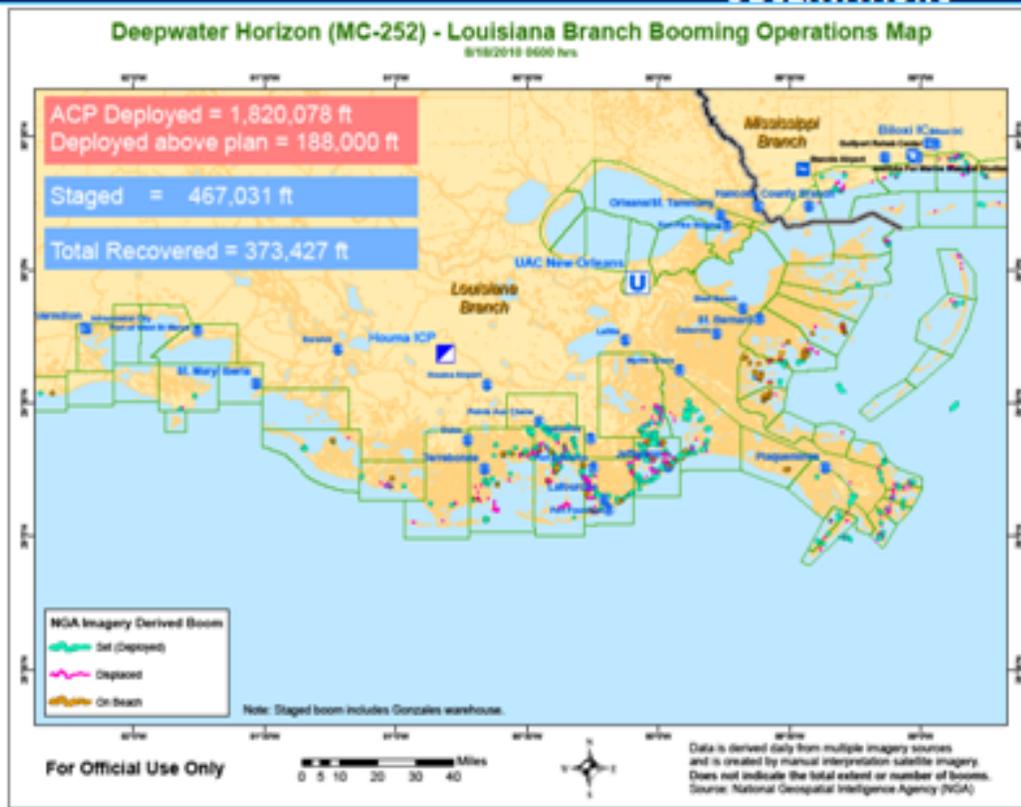
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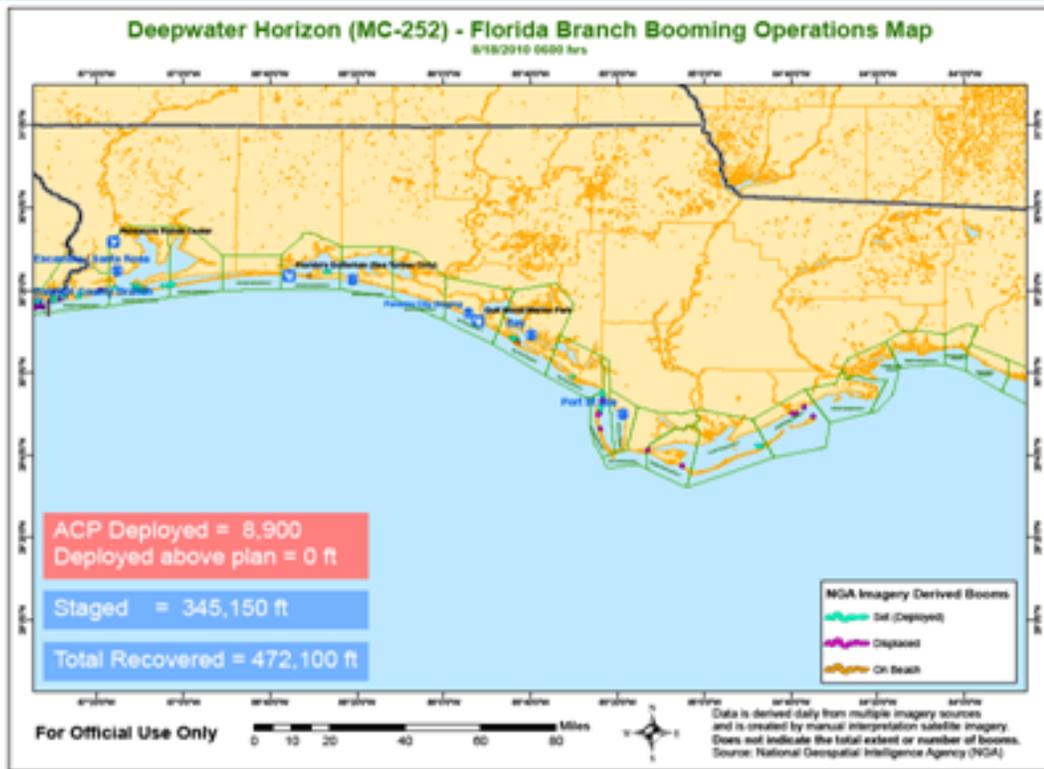
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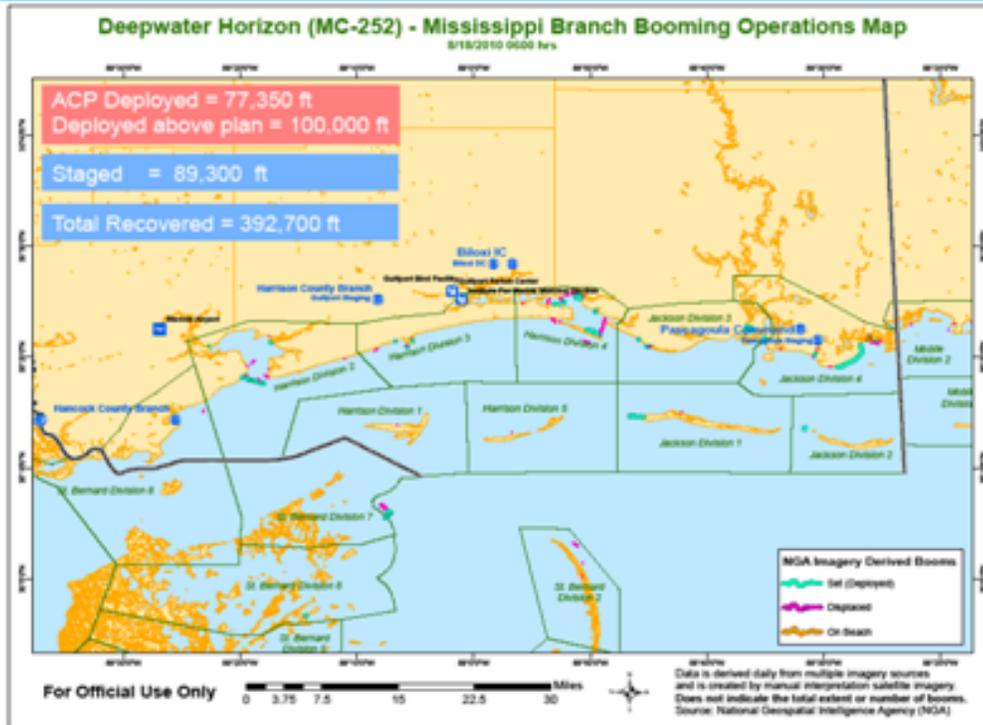
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Subject Daily NIC Congress-LegAffairs/IGA Roundup (25 AUG)

ADM Allen / Sir, Ma'am, Colleagues: V/r TJO

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SUMMARY:

* Congressional Inquiries/Q&As: (4) Completed today re: IATAP; (1) New Q
rcv'd on FOSC designation of BP as RP.

* Post-Hearing Congressional QFRs: (7) New QFRs from dNIC's May 18 testimony
before S.Env & Public Works Cmte--due 1 Sep.

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* Congressional Recess: House & Senate until 12 Sep.

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I. HEARINGS/BRIEFING:

II. CORRESPONDENCE (Date routed):

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C. ROUTING:

* For S-1 /s/: Reply to Markey et al, re: Deploying new techno quickly to

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IV. INTERGOV'T ACTIVITY:

* Coordinating NIC Input to DHS-compiled TPs for Weekly Governors Call (CDR Offutt)

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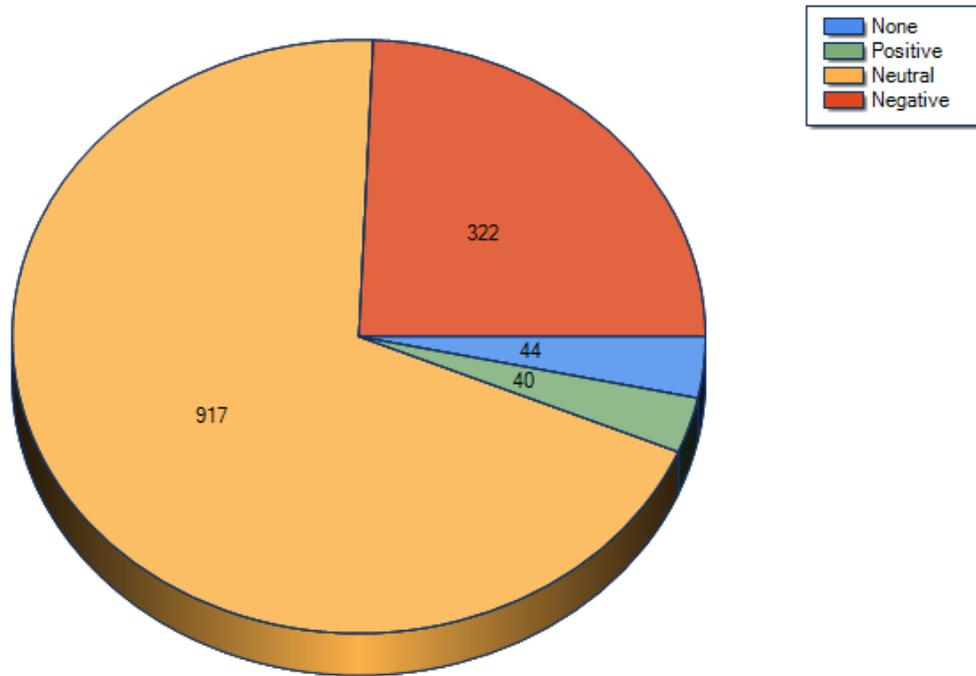
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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER 24-HOUR SUMMARY

Prepared by the Joint Information Center

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Admiral Allen Provides an Update on the BP Oil Spill Response

National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen provided a briefing to inform the American public and answer questions on the administration-wide response to the BP oil spill. A full transcript is available here <<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/885111/>> .

Admiral Allen reported on the sequence of events leading up to the removal of the blowout preventer: “Our steps right now will be to remove the two pieces of pipe that we know are just laying there disconnected. And then following that ascertain the condition of the remaining pipe that goes to the blowout preventer,” he said. “And once we have diagnosed the condition of that pipe, we’ll make a decision whether or not to remove the pipe itself or remove the blowout preventer with the pipe attached.”

Administration Launches Dockside Chats to Promote Gulf Seafood Safety Awareness

In order to promote accurate information about the safety of Gulf seafood from waters open to fishing, the Obama administration announced the deployment of senior officials to the Gulf Coast to participate in a series of eight dockside “chats” in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida Panhandle communities—in coordination with state governments—designed to engage fishers, shrimpers, oystermen and crabbers, as well as local officials in discussions about steps being taken to verify the safety of Gulf seafood.

Each of the participating state and federal agencies plays a vital role in the government-wide effort to manage fisheries, test and monitor seafood, regulate the seafood industry and test environmental factors related to seafood, such as water and air. Click here <<http://app.restorethegulf.gov/go/doc/2931/882891/>> for more information.

Unified Area Command Continues to Expand Techniques for Sub-Surface Monitoring

As part of the ongoing effort to apply the best scientific tools available in response to the BP oil spill, the Unified Area Command continues to expand monitoring techniques and programs to determine the presence of sub-surface oil in the coastal waters of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.

Techniques and methods currently employed in near-shore waters include snare boom, trawling for floating tar balls and oiled debris, “fluorometers” that shine fluorescent light through the water, and



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various devices that can take water and sediment samples. Click here
<<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/882463/>> for more information.

FWS Personnel Continue Wildlife Rescue and Recovery Missions Across the Region

From the Houma, La., Incident Command Post, 241 field personnel, 71 vessels, two helicopters and one airplane participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions, responding to 72 calls on the Wildlife Hot line. From the Mobile, Ala., Incident Command Post, 15 two-person teams, 19 vessels and one helicopter participated in reconnaissance and wildlife rescue and recovery missions, responding to 39 calls. To report oiled wildlife, call (866) 557-1401.

Shoreline Cleanup Operations Continue Along the Gulf Coast

As part of continued efforts to protect wildlife and wildlife habitats from the impacts of the BP oil spill, FWS and National Parks Service cleanup crews continued shoreline cleanup operations at Gulf Islands National Seashore and at FWS refuges—removing oil debris from Bon Secour (200 lbs), Dauphin Island (500 lbs), Ivan's Cut (500 lbs), Fort Pickens (3,630 lbs), Perdido (291 lbs), Santa Rosa (182 lbs).

Approved SBA Economic Injury Assistance Loans Surpass \$23.5 Million

SBA has approved 269 economic injury assistance loans to date, totaling more than \$23.5 million for small businesses in the Gulf Coast impacted by the BP oil spill. Additionally, the agency has granted deferments on 848 existing SBA disaster loans in the region, totaling more than \$4.6 million per month in payments. For information on assistance loans for affected businesses, visit the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance, call (800) 659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

By the Numbers to Date:

- * The administration has authorized the deployment of 17,500 National Guard troops from Gulf Coast states to respond to this crisis; currently, 1,157 are active.
- * More than 29,800 personnel are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines.
- * More than 4,400 vessels are currently responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.
- * Approximately 1.96 million feet of containment boom* and 9.08 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed to contain the spill—and approximately 2.12 million feet of containment boom and 3.49 million feet of sorbent boom are available.
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calculations on the volume of oil burned can take more than 48 hours, the reported total volume may not reflect the most recent controlled burns.

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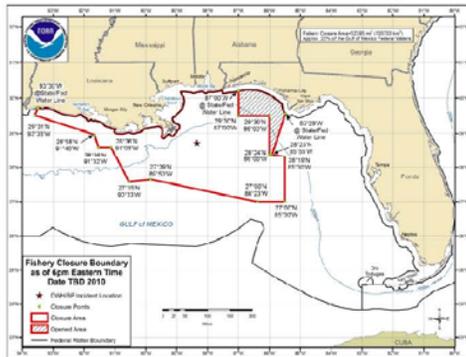
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area is not an exact science. NOAA Fisheries Service strongly advises fishermen not to fish in areas where oil or oil sheens (very thin layers of floating oil) are present, even if those areas are not currently closed to fishing.

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Permit holders are reminded to maintain their federal vessel permits by submitting timely reporting requirements and renewal applications, even if the vessel is not currently engaged in fishing activities.

Links for more information:

Southeast Regional Office's Web page:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm

NOAA's National Ocean Service

<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov>

Deepwater Horizon Response

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call 1-800-440-0858.

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Subject National Incident Commander Brief 0630EDT 26August 2010

08/26/2010 07:12 AM

Good Morning Admiral Allen,

Attached is the 0630EDT 26 August 2010 situation update.

WEATHER OUTLOOK: (Spot Forecast Report 0300EDT 26 August)

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- Date: 8/25/2010 Time: 2030
State: MS ICP: Mobile AL County:
Location: Near Biloxi MS
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- ENTERPRISE: Completed methanol soak - Middle ram successfully opened after 7th try
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Operational highlights below:

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (UAC Exec Sum 25 August)

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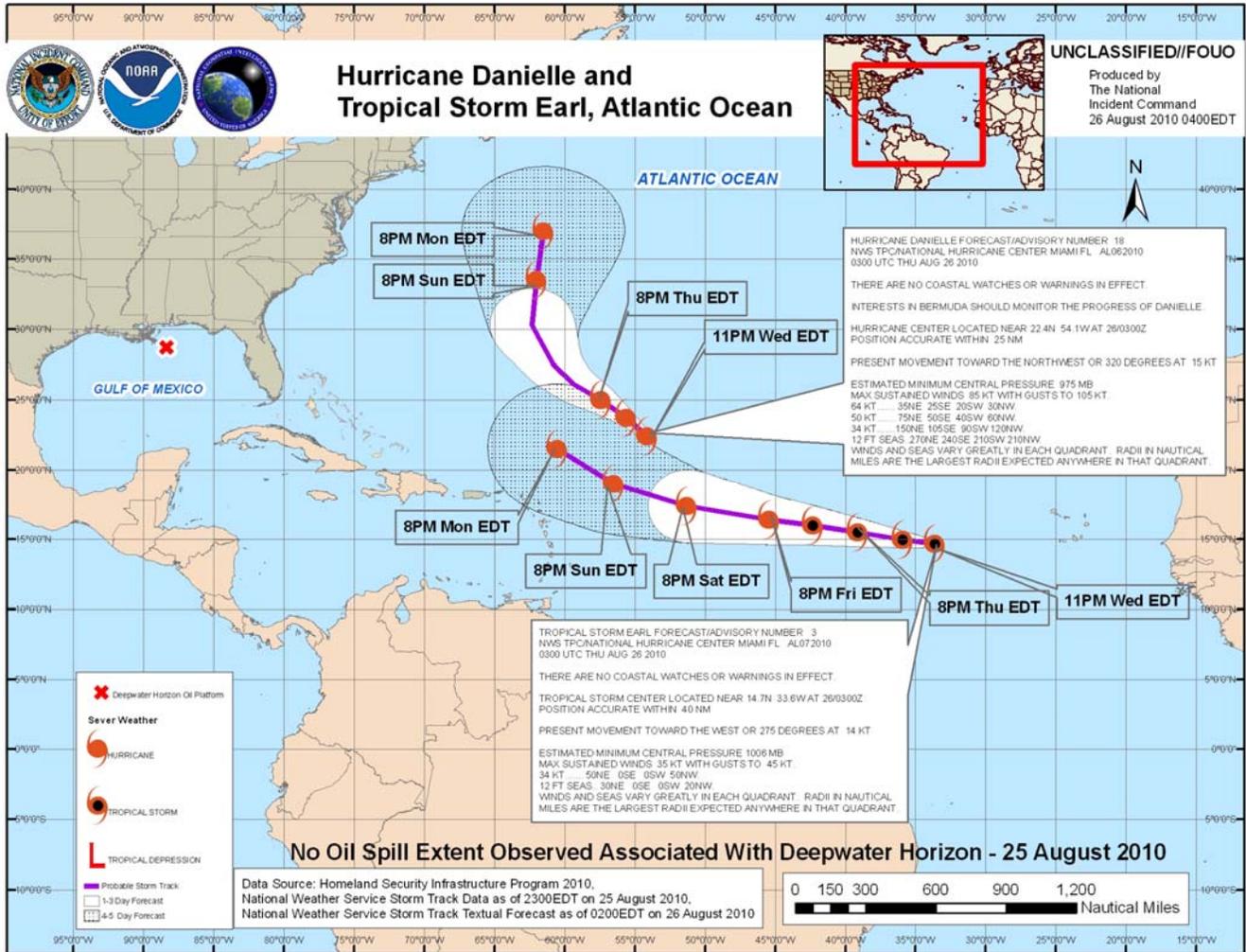
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National Incident Commander Objectives:

1. Establish and manage a coordinated interagency response effort to effectively employ all resources required to mitigate current and long term environmental and economic impacts of the incident.
2. Engage and inform the public, stakeholders and the media, keeping them apprised of response activities and plans.
3. Engage across all levels of government to develop courses of action for issues that span multiple agencies and departments.

Unified Area Command Objectives:

1. Ensure the safety and welfare of citizens and response personnel.
2. Control the source of the spill.
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4. Continue to maximize use and availability of advanced source control and response technologies.
5. Continue to maximize the protection, assessment, and response to environmentally, sensitive areas and wildlife risk.
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WEATHER: (NOAA Spot Forecast 0300EDT 26 August)

Date	Wind (kts)	Sea State	Seas (ft)	Rain (%)
Thursday 26 August - day	NE 5-10 (AM) SE 5-10 (PM)	Smooth to Light Chop	2	40
Thursday 26 August - night	SW 5-10 (AM) NW 7-10 (PM)	Smooth to Light Chop	2	30
Friday 27 August - day	NW 5-10 (AM) S 10-12	Light Chop	2	30
Friday 27 August - night	SSE 10-12	A Light Chop	2-3	30
Saturday 28 August	SEE 10-14	Choppy	3-4	50
Sunday 29 August	E 15	Choppy	4-5	50
Monday 30 August	E 15-20	Rough	5	40
Tuesday 31 August	E 15-20	Rough	5-6	30
Wednesday 1 September	E 15	Choppy	4	20

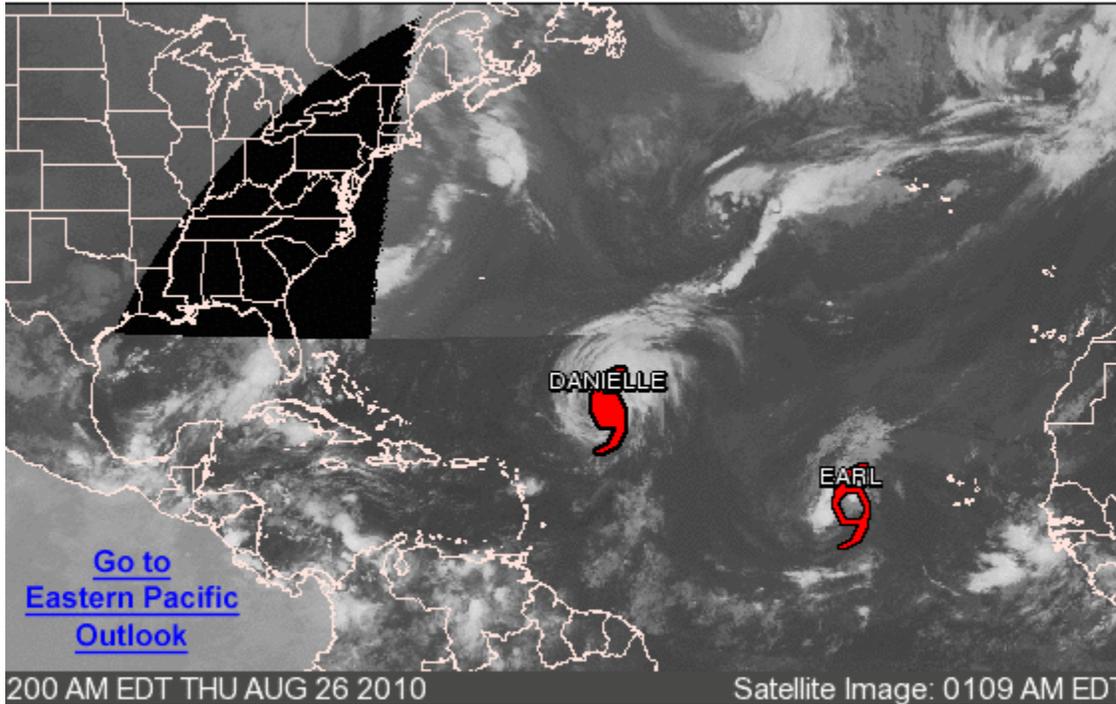
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Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Outlined areas denote current position of systems discussed in the Tropical Weather Outlook. Color indicates probability of tropical cyclone formation within 48 hours.

 Low <30%	 Medium 30-50%	 High >50%
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SOURCE CONTROL: (Houston Update 1230 15 August)

	0000-2359CDT 23 August		Total Recovered/Flared to date:	
Vessel	OIL	GAS	OIL	GAS
DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	562,104 bbls <small>*includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 22,158 bbls)</small>	1,272.4 million cubic ft of gas <small>* includes collection total for Riser Insertion Test Tube (RITT - 88.4 gas)</small>
Q4000	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	241,187 bbls	534.1 million cubic ft of gas
HELIX PRODUCER I	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	23,742 bbls	~56.5 million cubic ft of gas (estimated due to incorrectly calibrated meter)
Cumulative oil/gas recovered	0 bbls	0 million cubic ft of gas	827,033 bbls	~1,863 million cubic ft of gas

- **DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE (DE):** The Discoverer Enterprise entered the well bore with the top catch fishing tool and camera. A visual survey was conducted of the fish; the fish heads could be clearly seen but the condition of the fish bottoms and annual preventer could not be determined (due to bore clarity). Upon completion of the visual survey, the top catch tool was landed on the mashed fish head (this fish was believed to be an 11' section of pipe resting on the annular preventer). Once the top catch tool was landed on the fish head, the fish head dropped approximately 11' down through the center of the annual preventer; the fish head is currently flush with the annual preventer top and cannot be recovered with the top catch tool. Further visual data shows that the clean cut fish (which was originally believed to be centered in the bore and extend 3,000'+) is resting on top of the

annual preventer. The DE is currently tripping the top catch tool out of the capping stack and will enter with the over shot tool and camera to fish for the clean cut fish. (Source Control 0656EDT 26 August)

- **HELIX PRODUCER I:** Standby. (Houston Update 2000EDT 06 August)
- **Q4000:** continues to break down flow back equipment to free up deck space and make preparations to lift Horizon BOP and LMRP. (Source Control 0629EDT 21 August)
- **MONITORING/HYDROSTATIC CONTROL PLAN:** Well pressure remains stable at ambient pressure. (Houston Update EDT 26 August)

RELIEF WELL DATA: (Houston Update 1501EDT 19 August)

	Total Drill Depth (MD=measured or total drilled depth in feet)	Day # of Est. Completion Days	True Vertical Depth (from sea level)	Comments
DD-II	15,961'	64 of 104 (63%)	15,200'	T-Time 101 hrs
DD-III	17,909'	94 of 104 (92%)	17,152'	T-Time 93 hrs

- **DD-II:** Development Driller II (DDII) has plugged the 2nd relief well with a Rotational Set Packer and has displaced the riser with sea water. DDII has complete final preparations to pull the riser and BOP standing by for fishing operation to conclude. (Source Control 0656EDT 26 August; 0644EDT 24 August)
- **DD-III:** Development Driller III (DDIII) ^{1st} Relief Well- standing by at casing shoe awaiting orders. (Source Control 26 August)
- **DWH BOP REMOVAL PREPARATIONS:** The MEG water soak of the capping stack was completed. The middle capping stack rams were cycled open; one ram retracted while the other remained in the middle of the bore. An attempt to open the middle ram with 3000 psi was attempted three times; no movement of was observed. One more attempt will be made to cycle the middle capping stack rams (closed and open) with 3000 psi. If the ram does not retract out of the bore, the Discoverer Enterprise (DE) will attempt to mechanically move the ram with 3 ½" drill pipe. A wedging tool is standing by (currently tripped to depth from the DE) as an alternate means to mechanically open the middle ram. Current proposed plan is to commence removal of the capping stack and DWH BOP OOA 26 Aug using Q4000 and ENTERPRISE. Open Hole Fishing Operations started. (Source Control 2341EDT 25 August; Houston Update 1452EDT 22 August)
- **PLUG AND ABANDONMENT (P&A):** Procedures for P&A are being developed for submittal. (Operations Update 1501EDT 19 August)

VESSELS ON SCENE (Houston Update 1630EDT 23 August)

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
Q4000	United States	On-scene	BOP Recovery	Current T-Time 82 hours. Standing by. Shut down as of 1050CDT, 15 July Operational T-Time 69 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'; conducting final pressure tests.
DISCOVERER	Marshall	On-scene	Fishing and capping	T-time is 48 hours. On site, Top Hat #8 on deck.

Name	Flag	Status/Location	Current Function	Comments
ENTERPRISE	Islands		stack recovery	Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
HELIX PRODUCER I	Bahamas	On-scene	Containment	T-time is 8 hours Operational T-Time 30 hours. Operations may continue in sea states < 12'
LOCH RANNOCH	United Kingdom	On-scene	Shuttle Tanker Hooked up to HP I & planning to receive 115 bbls of oil from HP1	Capacity is 1,000,000 bbls (40 days on station at full HPI production). Total volume on board is 24,628 bbls. T-time 0 hour
BOA SUB C	Malta	On-scene	ROV Ops/Construction Support	T-Time 1 hours

CRITICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: (Critical Resources Unit 1900EDT 24 August)

- The list of International offers of Assistance will be posted to HSIN on Monday evenings at 1900EDT
- **International Offers of Assistance: Government to Government**
 - As of 24 August, the NIC has received 69 offers from 33 countries and International Organizations
 - 41 offers were for critical resources, 40 have been accepted
 - In total, 47 government and International Organization offers have been accepted to date
- **International Offers of Assistance: Private, Government and IMO Facilitated**
 - As of 24 August, the NIC has received 60 offers of assistance from private companies
 - 25 offers were submitted directly by private entities
 - 35 offers were facilitated by foreign governments or the IMO
 - 36 offers were for critical resources, 6 offers have been accepted
- **Domestic Offers of Resources**
 - As of 24 August, the NIC has received 79 domestic offers
 - 20 originated through the Homeport website
 - 9 offers have been accepted
 - 27 offers were for critical resources; none have been accepted
- **Skimmers (DWH AAG 1310EDT 20 August)**

Foreign Skimmers	Domestic Skimmers	Navy Skimmers	Skimmers Freed up by Emergency Rule
49	835	54	27

- As of 24 August, 835 Skimmers are now in theatre. Skimmer numbers published on "Deepwater Horizon At-A-Glance" daily slide.

- **Domestic Sources:**
Homeport website to collect skimmer availability went live on 01 July at 0900.
- **DOD: RFA 78B**
In theater: Supsalv Equip, 27 shallow water skimmers, 4 Harbor Busters, and 35 tow boats.



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(Updates in RED)

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CLEAN- UP/RESPONSE OPERATIONS SHORESIDE:

REFER TO DWH AT-A-GLANCE DOCUMENT (DWH AAG 1829EDT 25 August)

NOTE THAT THE AT-A-GLANCE DOCUMENT WILL ONLY BE PRODUCED ONCE A WEEK ON THURSDAYS.

SAFETY/PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: NSTR

OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (OSLTF) FINANCIAL UPDATE:

(NPFC Executive Financial Summary Report 1957EDT 26 August)

OSLTF Emergency Fund Remaining	\$17,617,264.10
Fed Project Ceiling	\$541,767,579.00
Obligated funds to Date	\$ 492,447,980.64
Fed Project Ceiling Remaining	\$49,319,598.36

BP CLAIMS SUMMARY: (BP Claims 25 August)

- Total Number of Claims: 153,920
- Total Amount Disbursed: \$398,972,928
- Number of Claims Denied: 0
- Number of Checks Disbursed: 133,639

BP CLAIMS CALL CENTER (Last 24 Hours): (BP Claims 23 August)

- Calls Received: 54
- Call operators: 74
- Checks written: 1,045
- Managers/adjusters in fields; 1,241
- Community Offices and Claim Centers: 36

FUTURE PLANS (Next 24-48 hours): (UAC Exec Sum 25 August)

- Well Integrity: Continue monitoring with sonar surveys and visual inspections
- ENTERPRISE: Assemble overshot bottom hole assembly; Commence fishing operations
- DD II: Standby to move to Macondo wellhead when Horizon BOP removal complete
- DD III: Standby at casing shoe awaiting orders



Deepwater Horizon Spill Response

Today's Events

Admiral Allen reported on the sequence of events leading up to the removal of the blowout preventer: "Our steps right now will be to remove the two pieces of pipe that we know are just laying there disconnected. And then following that ascertain the condition of the remaining pipe that goes to the blowout preventer," he said. "And once we have diagnosed the condition of that pipe, we'll make a decision whether or not to remove the pipe itself or remove the blowout preventer with the pipe attached."

In order to promote accurate information about the safety of Gulf seafood from waters open to fishing, the Obama administration announced the deployment of senior officials to the Gulf Coast to participate in a series of eight dockside "chats" in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida Panhandle communities—in coordination with state governments—designed to engage fishers, shrimpers, oystermen and crabbers, as well as local officials in discussions about steps being taken to verify the safety of Gulf seafood.

JIC MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS:

- NOLA** NBC Nightly News interviewed NOAA SME Sam Walker and Admiral Zukunft in the UAC.
- Mobile** No engagement with national media
- Houma** Reporter Serge Quoidbach from L'Echo newspaper (Belgium) participated in Wildlife/Fisheries tour Commander Rodriguez to Lafitte for "dockside chat" with local fisherman and other Gov't agencies.
- Florida Peninsula** No engagement with national media

Targets of Opportunity

Thursday August 26, 2010

- St. Bernard Parish Dockside Chat in Chalmette, LA
- EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson visit to UAC

Key Message

"As we continue to expand the scope and resources dedicated to detect, monitor and sample for sub-surface oil and dispersants in the Gulf of Mexico, we continue to leverage a variety of techniques to help us better understand the impacts of the oil spill at all depths.. We are aggressively monitoring the fate of the oil in the Gulf, and these techniques will help to provide additional information as the full picture becomes clearer." VADM Paul Zunkuft

Key Efforts

Wednesday, August 25th

- 0900 Terrebonne Parish President Claudet to tour seafood safety in Chauvin, LA
- 1300 Jefferson Parish: Lunch Gathering of Fishing Leaders in Lafitte, LA
- 1700 Plaquemines Parish Dockside Chat Seafood Safety Tour meeting in Venice, LA



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FUTURE EVENTS AND ISSUES (all times CDT)

Friday, August 27th

- 0915 Dockside Chat in Ocean Springs, MS
- 1000 EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson to speak at the Wilson School
- 1330 Dockside Chat in Bayou La Batrie, AL

Saturday, August 28th

- 0900 Dockside Chat in Panama City, FL
- 1400 Dockside Chat in Pensacola, FL

Sunday, August 29th

- TBD POTUS visit to New Orleans for the anniversary of Katrina

Monday, August 30th

- 0600 International Observer Program (New Orleans, LA)

Tuesday, August 31

- 0600 International Observer Program (Houma, LA)

Today's Inquires

Intergovernmental Congressional

New Inquiries Opened Today	0	0
Total Inquiries Open To Date (since 6/26 – add yesterday's total to new inquiries)	70	120
Inquiries Closed Today	0	0
Total Inquires Closed To Date (since 6/26 – add yesterday's to new inquiries closed)	62	105
Inquiries Currently Pending Response	0	0

NGO Interactive Unit Daily Report

New Inquiries	0
Inquiries Pending	1
Inquiries Closed	0



What Others Are Saying – Social Media Report

Social Media Statistics:

Statistical data on social media gains and losses will be provided each Monday to allow for an easier and quantifiable number for recipients of this report.

Today's Top Issues

- The Deepwater Horizon blowout may be capped and the surface oil slick dispersed, but the scientists' job has just begun: hundreds of us are working in and around the gulf to determine the long-term environmental impact of the drilling disaster. <http://nyti.ms/aHMpJy>
- BP engineer who wrote telling e-mails pleads the Fifth to avoid testifying at oil spill hearings <http://bit.ly/akBJam>
- Oil spill hearings: Rig official could have insight on revelations about bypassed alarms, drilling oddities. <http://bit.ly/abU8ak>

Information released today by UAC Social Media Group

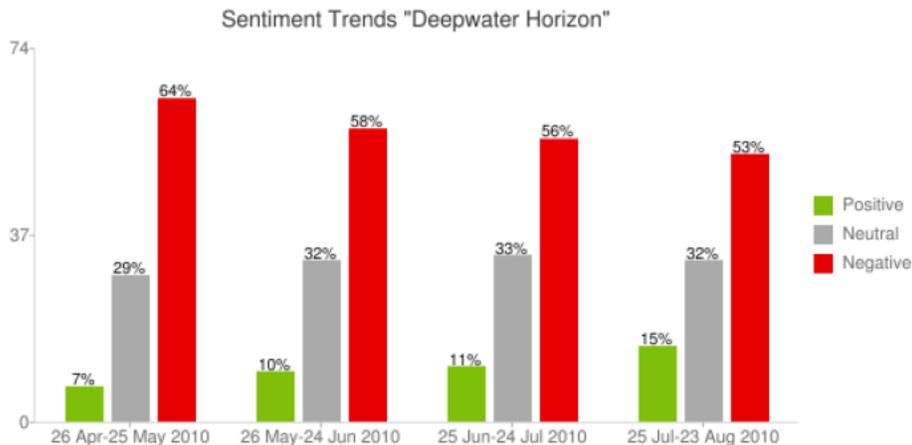
- MEDIA ADVISORY: Teleconference to Provide Operational Update on Ongoing Deepwater Horizon/BP Oil Spill Response Efforts <http://ht.ly/2uvKg>
- PHOTO RELEASE: FWS releases four rehabilitated birds <http://ht.ly/2uvRE>

Social media tone synopsis Facebook and Twitter

Negative: Facebook users maintain sentiment that the government is lying about effects of corexit use and are illegally instituting rules in bp/gov claims.

Positive: The fact that the general negativity though social media seems to be decreasing as the information is released and questions are being answered appears to be the case as the number of posts decrease.

Traditional Media Sentiment (4 week compilation to date)



Figures denote a decrease of neutrality by 1%, an increase of negativity by 2% and decrease of positive sentiment by 1%.



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TRADITIONAL MEDIA

Coverage has focused on the federal hearings and possible safety and command discrepancies. Blowout preventer recovery and bottom kill delay were reported on. An op-ed piece was written about reporter bias and misinformation.

Clips

Halliburton Engineer says He Warned BP Seal might fail Haliburton engineer Jesse Gagliano testified yesterday during the joint U.S. Coast Guard-Interior Department hearing in Houston that he warned BP five days before the fatal Deepwater Horizon accident that a crucial cement seal could fail. Gagliano said there was a high probability explosive natural gas could leak through the seal if changes weren't made. Halliburton designed and performed many of the cement jobs on the well, and BP suggests they should bear some of the blame. Halliburton counters that BP ignored Halliburton's safety suggestions and should shoulder all of the responsibility. At the heart of the issue is BP's use of only six centralizers instead of the recommended 21

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703447004575450110807492410.html>

True Fallout from BP could be Unimaginable Is the U.S. government perpetuating a sense of denial about the effects of the spill? Asks Canadian stalwart Maclean's. Report takes Jim Cowan's discovery of an undersea plume and the subsequent criticism Cowan faced for releasing details of his discovery and wonders if it is part of an institutional problem. At one point the slick was the size of the state of Kansas, says Cowan. Why aren't people more concerned? Fingers are also pointed at Corexit dispersant – a persistent environmental toxin according to some. BP replies that the dispersants helped break down oil droplets into "bite-sized" bits, the better for bacteria to chow. Forcing BP to pay for long-term damages isn't a done deal. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2010/08/25/its-not-over-yet-2/>

Is Feinberg Shielding BP too Much? It may be a shakedown after all, now that Kenneth Feinberg has taken control of the \$20B Gulf Coast Compensation Fund, it seems curious that there are so many restrictions attached to non-emergency compensation. Why waive liability? In April BP tried a similar tactic, says the Houston Chronicle, when BP wanted fishermen employed to help cleanup to agree to waive liability. The increased scrutiny reversed the policy. Feinberg claims it is all to prevent claimants from having to be tied up in court, but should we really trust him absolutely? <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/business/steffy/7170146.html>

Oil to Remain Between \$70-\$75 says BP Chief Economist BP's Chief Economist sees oil staying between \$70 and \$75 per barrel until at least mid 2011. But around that time something would have to give, he said, as inventory levels started to return to normal. He said either OPEC would then have to move to increase production at that point, or else prices would then rise. He contrasted how gas and coal prices remained low during the recession, while oil rapidly rebounded.

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews.aspx?xmlpath=RSSFeed/HeadlineNews/Oil/8909059.xml>

Even if the moratorium is lifted, drillers face months of waiting President Barack Obama's administration may agree to an early end for its moratorium on deep-water oil and gas drilling while backing new regulations that may keep rigs idle for months afterward.

"Lifting the moratorium is almost unimportant," Michael McKenna, president of MWR Strategies (a drilling consultancy) said in an interview. "It's how different the regulatory regime is going to be after. The end game here is to make it a very, very difficult and time-consuming regulatory process." <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-08-25/drillers-may-face-months-of-waiting-even-after-obama-lifts-deepwater-ban.html>

Do Black Wormholes Mean Oil is Leaking from an abandoned well? Underwater worms at the likely site of an abandoned oil well left black "castings" on the sandy mound above it, piquing the interest of researchers who want to know whether oil leaking from the well might be the reason. Micheal Hirschfield, chief scientist for the advocacy group Oceania is conducting a two-month study. Scientists have been concerned that nobody was checking the 27,000 abandoned oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico, which inspired Hirschfield to have a look. <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9HQ3LEO0.htm>

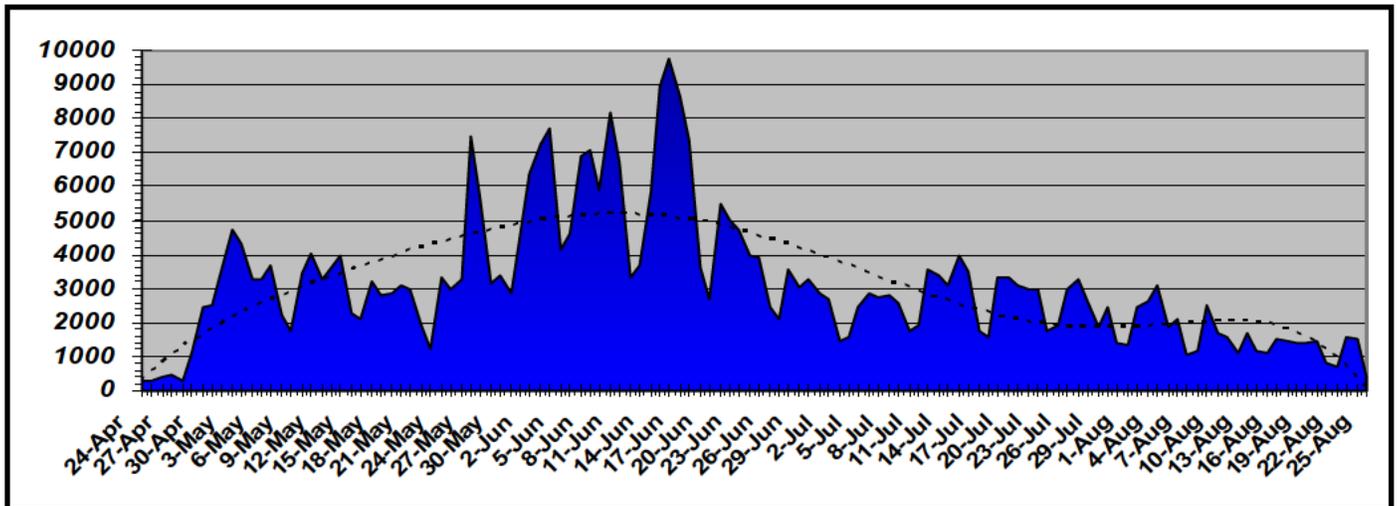
Too Much Drama in the Big Easy New Orleans has had enough of drama and excitement. After Hurricane Katrina, the Deepwater Horizon spill and even the Saints Superbowl Victory New Orleans just needs some time out of the limelight to rebuild and just be a regular city for once. New Orleans should get attention for some of its very real achievements – it is starting to close the achievement gap in education, it has largely rebuild and improved its levee system; and if the wetlands are restored, ironically the BP disaster might be the best thing that ever happened to the city. <http://bit.ly/aFSMby>



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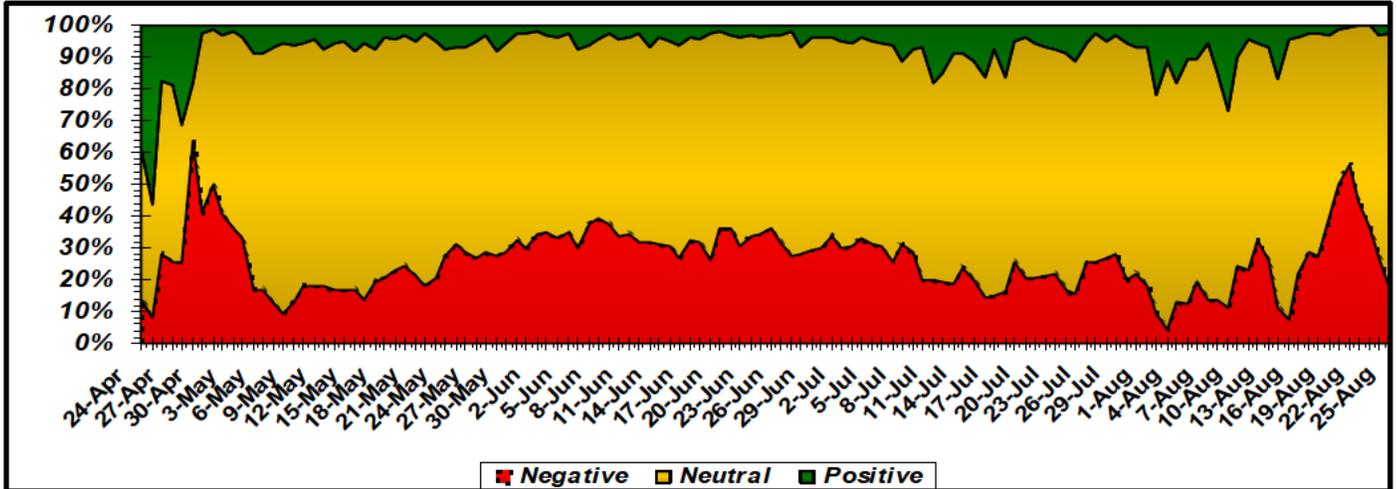
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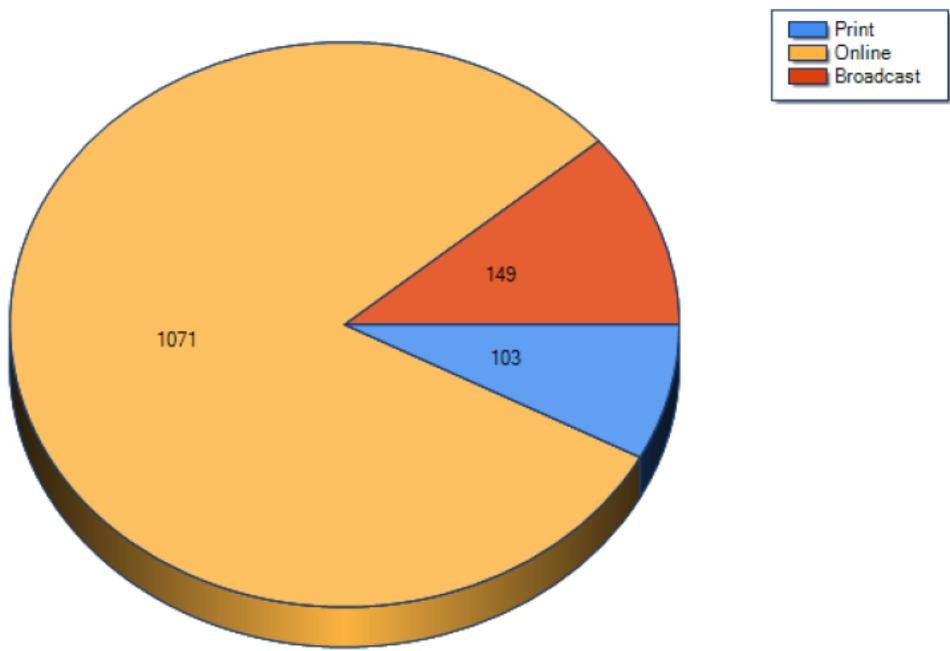
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Subject Daily NIC Congress-LegAffairs/IGA Roundup (26 AUG)

ADM Allen / Sir, Ma'am, Colleagues: V/r TJO

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SUMMARY:

* Congressional Inquiries/Q&As: (1) Completed today re: FOSC designation of BP as RP.

* Post-Hearing QFRs: Working (7) QFRs from dNIC's May 18 testimony before S.Env & Public Works Cmte--due 1 Sep. Also, reviewing EPA QFRs from 6/9 House T&I Hearing on Oil Spill Cleanup.

* Congressional Ltr Replies: (1) Routed for S-1 /s/; (3) Being Drafted, incl. one for xfr to SEC Mabus.

* Congressional Recess: House & Senate until 12 Sep.

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I. HEARINGS/BRIEFING:

II. CORRESPONDENCE (Date routed):

A. SIGNED: N/A

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C. ROUTING:

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IV. INTERGOV'T ACTIVITY:

* Coordinating NIC Input to DHS-compiled TPs for Weekly Governors Call (CDR Offutt)

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Subject Daily NIC Congress-LegAffairs/IGA Roundup (27 AUG)

ADM Allen / Sir, Ma'am, Colleagues: V/r TJO

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SUMMARY:

- * Congressional Inquiries/Q&As: No new arrivals.
- * Post-Hearing QFRs: Working (7) QFRs from dNIC's May 18 testimony before S.Env & Public Works Cmte--due 1 Sep. Also, reviewing EPA QFRs from 6/9 House T&I Hearing on Oil Spill Cleanup.
- * Congressional Ltr Replies: (1) Routed for S-1 /s/; (3) Being Drafted, incl. one for xfr to SEC'Y Mabus.
- * Congressional Recess: House & Senate until 12 Sep.

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I. HEARINGS/BRIEFINGS:

* FYI ONLY--No NIC Witness: 23 or 28 Sep (TBD): GULF OIL SPILL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: OSLTF VS. NEW FEDERAL "GULF COAST CLAIMS FACILITY" PROCESS Senate HSGAC Sub-Cmte on Financial Mgmt, Gov't Info, Fed Services, and Int'l Security. Invited Witnesses: Mr. Craig Bennett, NPFC Director & Mr. Feinberg, GCCF Administrator.

* TBD Sep (Tent. 1x mention here): DHS PLANNING & RESPONSE--PRELIMINARY LESSONS FROM DEEPWATER HORIZON, House HLS.

II. CORRESPONDENCE (Date routed):

A. SIGNED: N/A

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C. ROUTING: For S-1 /s/: (8/25) Reply to Markey et. al, re: Deploying new technology quickly to Gulf.

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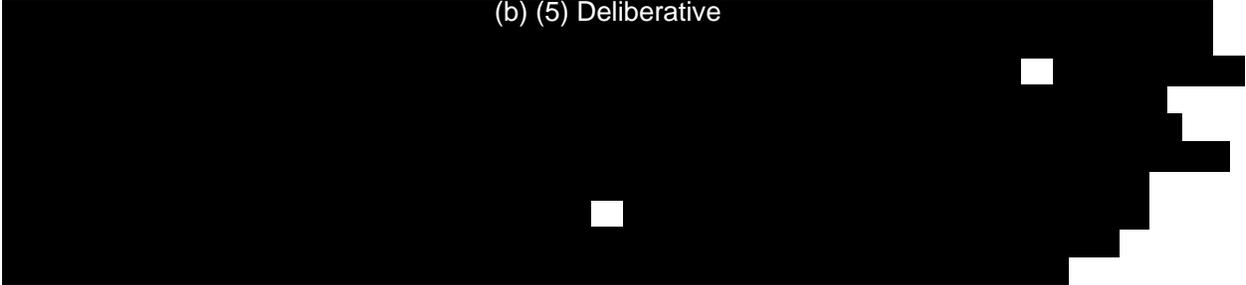
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Subject Daily NIC Congress-LegAffairs/IGA Roundup (30 AUG)

ADM Allen / Sir, Ma'am, Colleagues:

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 SUMMARY:

* Congressional Inquiries/Q&As: No new arrivals.

* Post-Hearing QFRs: Working (7) QFRs from dNIC's May 18 testimony before S.Env & Public Works Cmte--due 1 Sep. Also, reviewing EPA QFRs from 6/9 House T&I Hearing on Oil Spill Cleanup.

* Congressional Ltr Replies: (2) Routing incl. one for S-1 /s/; (3) Being Drafted, incl. one for xfr to SEC'Y Mabus.

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* TBD Sep: DHS PLANNING & RESPONSE--PRELIMINARY LESSONS FROM DEEPWATER HORIZON, House HLS.

* TBD (8-10) Sep (1x mention here): LATEST EFFORTS IN GULF, LONG TERM PLANS, AND DRAWDOWN, Senate Approp. Staff

II. CORRESPONDENCE (Date routed):

A. SIGNED: N/A

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C. ROUTING:

* For S-1 /s/: (8/25) Reply to Markey et. al, re: Deploying new technology quickly to Gulf.

* For Joint NIC & EPA /s/: Reply to Govs of WA & OR re: impact of Temp Emergency Rule on NW states. [STATUS: Returned from DHS for NIC signature pending final review by DCOS Shlossman; Exec Sec transmittal to EPA for signature to follow.]

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Subject Daily NIC Congress-LegAffairs/IGA Roundup (31 AUG)

ADM Allen / Sir, Ma'am, Colleagues:

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SUMMARY:

- * Congressional Inquiries/Q&As: (1) New Q received from REP Markey re: current status of dispersant use.
- * Post-Hearing QFRs: Working (7) QFRs from dNIC's May 2010 testimony before S.Env & Public Works Cmte--due 1 Sep.
- * Congressional Ltr Replies: (1) Signed, routing for S-1 /s/; (1) Routing incl. one for S-1 /s/; (3) Being Drafted, incl. one for xfr to SEC'Y Mabus.
- * Congressional Recess: House & Senate until 12 Sep.

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I. HEARINGS/BRIEFINGS:

* Briefing TBD (8-10 Sep): "Latest Efforts in Gulf, Long Term Plans, Fund Replenishment," Senate Approp. Cmte (Majority). NPFC Briefer: Craig Bennett; NIC Briefer: TBD.

II. CORRESPONDENCE (Date routed):

A. SIGNED: For S-1 /s/: (8/30 to DHS) Reply to Markey et. al, re: Deploying new technology quickly to Gulf.

B. XFR to SEC'Y MABUS: Preparing NIC input for SEC Mabus reply to SEN Snowe on restoration; NIC input concerns SEN characterization of IATAP track record. [STATUS: Working w/ SECNAV Congressional Liaison, as of 8/31].

C. ROUTING:

* For Joint NIC & EPA /s/: Reply to Govs of WA & OR re: impact of Temp
Emergency Rule on NW states. [STATUS: Returned by DHS for NIC signature and
subsequent transmittal to EPA for signature.]

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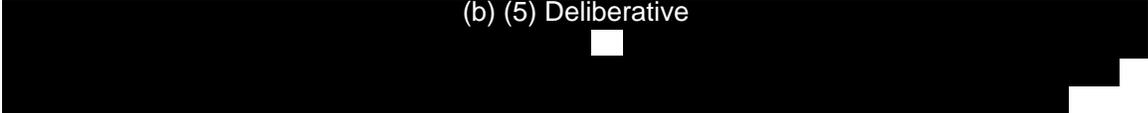
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Subject Daily NIC Congress-LegAffairs/IGA Roundup (1 SEP)

ADM Allen / Sir, Ma'am, Colleagues:

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 SUMMARY:

- * Capitol Hill [staff] interests during weekly Congressional Teleconference
- * Post-Hearing QFRs: (3) Pending QFRs from dNIC's May 2010 testimony before S.Env & Public Works Cmte.
- * Briefing & Hearing: (1) Each tentatively scheduled.
- * Congressional Ltr Replies: (1) Signed, routing for S-1 /s/; (1) Routing incl. one for S-1 /s/; (3) Being Drafted, incl. one for xfr to SEC'Y Mabus.

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 I. HEARINGS/BRIEFINGS:

- * Hearing TBD (21-23 Sep): "DHS Planning & Response--Prelim Lessons from Deepwater Horizon," H. Committee on Homeland Security. NIC Witness TBD.
- * Briefing TBD (8-10 Sep): "Latest Efforts in Gulf, Long Term Plans, Fund Replenishment," Senate Approp. Cmte (Majority). NPFC Briefer: Craig Bennett; NIC Briefer: CAPT Gautier.

II. CORRESPONDENCE (Date routed):

- A. XFR to SEC'Y MABUS: Prepared NIC input for SEC Mabus reply to SEN Snowe on restoration; NIC input concerns SEN characterization of IATAP track record. [STATUS: SECNAV confirming nature of reply w/ SEC'Y Mabus, as of 9/1].

B. ROUTING:

* For Joint NIC & EPA /s/: Reply to Govs of WA & OR re: impact of Temp Emergency Rule on NW states. [STATUS: LegAffairs to route for EPA co-sign.]

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IV. INTERGOV'T ACTIVITY:

* Coordinating NIC Input to DHS-compiled TPs for Weekly (Thurs.) Governors Call (CDR Offutt)

* UPDATE >>> Participating in Weekly Congressional Affairs Call w/ Capitol Hill (LCDR Certa): No action items from today's teleconference, but staffer Qs concerned nature of BOP removal; subsurface monitoring; and status of claims actually paid.

* Participating in Mon/Wed/Fri IGA Calls (LCDR Spolidoro)

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Subject Daily NIC Congress-LegAffairs/IGA Roundup (2 SEP)

ADM Allen / Sir, Ma'am, Colleagues:

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SUMMARY:

* Post-Hearing QFRs (3): Pending QFRs from dNIC's May 2010 testimony before S.Env & Public Works Cmte.

* Hearing: Tent. wk of 20 Sep re: Prelim Lessons from Spill. Timeline of deliverables below.

* Briefings (2): Both week of 6 Sep re: Operational Update & Long-Term Planning, and Dispersant Use.

* Congressional Ltr Replies: (1) Signed Ltr to Govs; (1) Provided input to SEC'Y Mabus reply; (2) Drafting.

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I. HEARINGS/BRIEFINGS:

* Hearing TBD (21-23 Sep): "DHS Planning & Response--Prelim Lessons from Deepwater Horizon," H. Committee on Homeland Security. NIC Witness: RADM Neffenger. *** Working Timeline of Deliverables as follows: 8 or 9 Sep--Scoping Mtg; 9 Sep--Written Statement to CG-823; 17 Sep--Oral Statement to CG-823 (0921 review only). 20 Sep (tent.)--Hearing Prep Mtg.

* Briefing TBD (8-10 Sep): "Latest Efforts in Gulf, Long Term Plans, Fund Replenishment," Senate Approp. Cmte (Majority). NPFC Briefer: Craig Bennett; NIC Briefer: CAPT Gautier.

* Tent. Wk of 6 Sep: Brief to staff of H. Sub-Cmte on Energy & Environment re: interim answers to Ltr on Dispersant Use. NIC Briefer: TBD.

II. CORRESPONDENCE (Date routed):

A. SIGNED: For Joint NIC & EPA /s/: Reply to Govs of WA & OR re: impact of Temp Emergency Rule on NW states. [STATUS: Routed for EPA co-sign on 9/2.]

B. XFR to SEC'Y MABUS: Prepared NIC input for SEC Mabus reply to SEN Snowe on restoration; concerns SEN characterization of IATAP track record. [STATUS: Fwd'd input to SECNAV on 9/2; awaiting SECNAV draft of ltr for NIC review].

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 SUMMARY:

* Post-Hearing QFRs (1): Pending QFRs from dNIC's May 2010 testimony before S.Env & Public Works Cmte.

* Hearing: Tent. wk of 20 Sep re: Prelim Lessons from Spill. Timeline of deliverables below.

* Briefings (2): Both week of 6 Sep re: Operational Update & Long-Term Planning, and Dispersant Use.

* Congressional Ltr Replies: (1) Routing; (2) Drafting.

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To Mathy Stanislaus, Bob Sussman
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Subject Re: Fw: final FEMA response to EPA re Coal Ash Dam data

I agree with Mathy (b)(5) Deliberative . Bob, are you OK? Are we going to be ready by 2:00? All of these communications should go out at the same time.
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If we're a go - OSWER has prepared the public fact sheet and has been working with OPA on a press release.

Please provide me with your thoughts.
Matt Straus

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After working this with many of you this past week, we have a final version of Ms. Ingram's response to EPA's Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste. Attached is the version set for signature this afternoon.

At this point, we are inclined to have Secretary Napolitano's response to Senator Boxer be a simple transmittal of FEMA's response. A draft of that letter is attached here as well.

If there are any remaining items to be cleaned up in these letters, please let me know my 2p this afternoon.

Again, (b) (5)

Roy Wright

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THE NEW ORLEANS INDEX

— TRACKING THE RECOVERY OF NEW ORLEANS & THE METRO AREA —



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“Though New Orleans has been somewhat shielded from the recession due to substantial rebuilding activity, four years

after Katrina the region still faces major challenges due to blight, unaffordable housing, and vulnerable flood protection. New federal leadership must commit and sustain its partnership with state and local leaders by delivering on key milestones in innovation, infrastructure, human capital, and sustainable communities to help greater New Orleans move past “disaster recovery” and boldly build a more prosperous future.”

ABOUT THIS NEW ORLEANS INDEX

This fourth anniversary edition of the New Orleans Index examines the social and economic recovery of the New Orleans metro area, four years after Hurricane Katrina and the related levee failures. Relying on more than fifty indicators, we examine recovery progress to date for the city and its surrounding metro area which includes Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. Tammany parishes. Key findings are highlighted in "at-a-glance" graphic representations.

For the first time, we have added neighborhood-level indicators of population recovery for the city of New Orleans (Orleans Parish). Readers seeking even more detail can visit the GNOCDC.org web site for interactive maps and more detailed analysis. And we continue to publish several indicators of recovery for New Orleans' 13 planning districts, which were the geographic areas for which specific plans were developed when New Orleanians gathered in late 2006 to develop the Unified New Orleans Plan.

HISTORY OF THE NEW ORLEANS INDEX

In December 2005, the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program began monitoring the social and economic recovery of the Gulf Coast region through the publication of *The Katrina Index*. The Index provided members of the media, key decision makers, nonprofit and private sector groups, and researchers with an independent, fact-based, one-stop resource to monitor and evaluate the progress of on-the-ground recovery in Louisiana and Mississippi.

In 2007, *The Katrina Index* was released as a joint collaboration between the Greater New Orleans Community Data Center and the Brookings Institution in order to bring an even better, more tailored assessment of recovery of the New Orleans region. Beginning with the second anniversary edition, we changed the name to "The New Orleans Index" to shift the emphasis of recovery away from a named disaster to a great American urban center. Over time, we've added new indices to provide a more comprehensive picture of the economic, social, and fiscal health of the greater New Orleans region. And, as neighborhood-level data becomes available, we incorporate it into the Index when it can inform relevant and current policy decisions.

Going forward, *The New Orleans Index* will be issued every August to provide a detailed analysis of the recovery at the anniversary of Katrina. The Greater New Orleans Community Data Center releases data briefs throughout the year, and the Brookings Metro program regularly includes New Orleans in its analysis of trends across metro regions.

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Finally, both the Data Center and Brookings would like to thank the many individuals from federal, state, and local agencies and organizations who have provided us with the most robust and up-to-date information available. Their tireless efforts to collect and make public these data have been invaluable to the large audience of users of this Index.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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New Orleans Four Years after Hurricane Katrina

The nation's deepening economic recession has produced dissolution and despair across the country as many communities grapple with the social and economic ramifications of massive layoffs, prolonged unemployment, shuttered businesses, and home foreclosures. By contrast, rebuilding from the woes caused by Hurricane Katrina has helped cushion greater New Orleans from the ravages of the downturn.

As New Orleans ends its fourth year since the hurricane and levee failures, the region has been buoyed by post-disaster recovery efforts and its fortunate industry mix.

Specifically, this year's special anniversary edition of the New Orleans Index finds that:

- **The New Orleans economy is weathering the recession relatively well due in part to its industry composition.** The New Orleans metro area lost 0.9 percent of its jobs since last June, compared to the 4.1 percent lost nationally. The industries hardest hit—manufacturing and construction—comprise relatively small shares of the New Orleans economy and since last June have shed few jobs. The four largest sectors of the region's economy—trade and transportation, government, leisure and hospitality, and education and health services—either stagnated or added jobs. The New Orleans metro area's unemployment rate rose to 7.3 percent while it climbed to 9.5 percent for the nation.
- **Ongoing rebuilding activities are attracting people, jobs, and investments, further shoring up the greater New Orleans economy.** New Orleans added more than 8,500 households (actively receiving mail) in the past year, the biggest one-year expansion since 2007, reflecting a mix of new and returning residents. While home rebuilding has slowed dramatically since 2007, post-disaster infrastructure investments in the levee system, schools, police stations and other public facilities have continued apace. Since July 2008, FEMA has paid over \$800 million for infrastructure repair projects across the five-parish area. In the city of New Orleans, 94 facilities and public works projects were completed as of April 2009, and 113 more were under construction.¹
- **Yet New Orleans is not immune from the economic crisis.** Like many metropolitan areas, the housing market has stalled, with home sales down 39 percent and new construction down 48 percent. The slowdown in consumer spending has contributed to a plunge in city sales tax revenues with 21 percent fewer receipts from general sales, motel/hotel stays, and motor vehicle purchases in April and 6 percent fewer receipts in May compared to the previous year.
- **Further, massive blight, affordable housing for low-income workers, and significant flood risk remain the area's major challenges.** While there are fewer unoccupied residences in Orleans, St. Bernard and Jefferson parishes this year, the scale of blight remains high—65,888, 14,372, and 11,516 residences, respectively—posing significant challenges for local governments. Steep rent increases have abated, but at 40 percent higher than pre-Katrina, rents remain out of reach for

¹ City of New Orleans: Monthly Progress Report, Recovery Projects, April 2009. Available at http://neworleans.iprojweb.com/doc/monthlyreport_april2009.pdf

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many critical workers. Typical rent for an efficiency apartment is \$733 per month, unaffordable for food preparation, health care support, and retail sales workers. Finally, a timeline recently released by the the Army Corps of Engineers indicates that they are behind schedule in completing the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System by 2011. While the levee system will be improved when finished, additional protective measures and land use provisions will be necessary to protect the city from Katrina-strength storms.¹

Residents and leaders are eager to get beyond “disaster recovery” to implement bold plans for creating a sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous city and region. Locally, key moves are creating the foundation for transformation to meet residents’ long-term aspirations. Last November, New Orleans voters approved two important amendments to the city charter. The first gave the city’s master plan teeth by requiring all zoning and land use requirements to conform, providing predictability, market confidence for development, and a more transparent and organized process for public participation. The second measure provided a dedicated revenue source to the newly created Inspector General’s office, giving the office steady resources necessary for accountability in the wake of pervasive public mistrust, waste, and fraud. And recently, the City Council approved funds for a newly created, quasi-public New Orleans Economic Development Corporation to lead the city’s economic growth activities and provide a measure of continuity across mayoral administrations.

The Obama administration and the next mayor of New Orleans must work together with the state to build on this current progress to help the city truly reinvent itself.² The administration has many opportunities to lead a robust interagency effort that applies new policy initiatives that leverage the economic assets of New Orleans—in innovation, human capital, infrastructure, and quality neighborhoods. For instance, to invest in people and innovation, the administration could help state and local leaders resolve the future of Charity Hospital and facilitate the delivery of quality, affordable health care for all residents while making a critical investment in the growth of its health care cluster. To maximize interagency efforts, the Office of Gulf Coast Rebuilding’s leadership, institutional knowledge, and established partnerships must be retained and elevated within the White House.³ In addition, state and local leaders could partner with Congress and the Obama Administration to take advantage of new federal opportunities—linking school reform with neighborhood revitalization, investing in green industries (including coastal restoration and protection), and bolstering ports, major transportation and freight corridors.

With strong partnerships, local leadership, and leveraged assets, New Orleans could emerge as a model of resilience for metro areas recovering from natural catastrophes or major economic shocks, as those triggered by this recession.

- 1 US Army Corps of Engineers. “Hurricane & Storm Damage Risk Reduction System Contract Information.” Available at www.mvn.usace.army.mil/hps/hps_contract_info.aspx; National Research Council. “The New Orleans Hurricane Protection System: Assessing Pre-Katrina Vulnerability and Improving Mitigation and Preparedness” Available at www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12647.
- 2 The primary for the 2010 mayoral race is on February 6, with a run-off election on April 22. Mayor Ray Nagin is not eligible due to term-limits.
- 3 The extension of the executive order that established the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding expires on September 30, 2009.

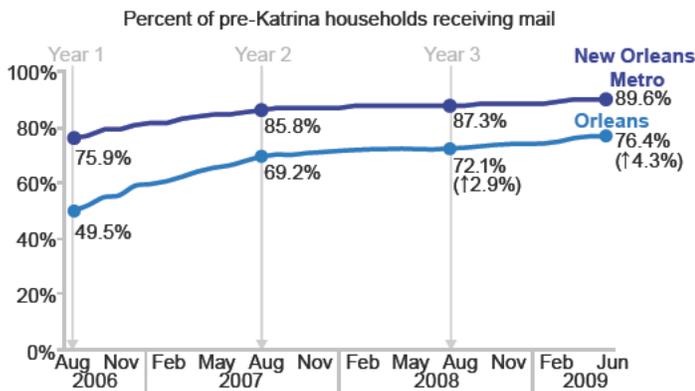
Population Trends

- **This past year, population growth picked up pace in the city of New Orleans, reaching 76.4 percent of pre-Katrina residences actively receiving mail, a 4.3 percentage point increase from last August.** All parishes gained residences actively receiving mail from August 2008 to June 2009, with Orleans Parish, St. Bernard and St. Tammany experiencing the largest absolute gains. New Orleans' rate of growth has increased over the prior year. From August 2008 to June 2009, Orleans Parish added 8,577 active residences compared with 5,345 added from August 2007 to June 2008. The New Orleans metro area is now home to nearly 90 percent of the pre-Katrina number of households receiving mail.
- **Although the New Orleans population continues to grow, new neighborhood-level data available quarterly shows that twelve neighborhoods lost more than 50 active-address households from June 2008 to June 2009.** As new rental and homeownership opportunities become available, the overall population of the city is shifting even as new households are moving into the city. [See Recovery of New Orleans by Neighborhood on page 17 for more details.]
- **While growth in households has increased since August 2008, growth in school enrollment across the metro area has slowed, suggesting that recent arrivals to the metro area are likely singles and childless couples.** The metro area gained 12,400 residences actively receiving mail from August 2008 to June 2009 up from a 7,896 increase in the third year after Katrina. Although total school enrollment reached 78 percent of pre-Katrina levels by spring 2009, growth in school enrollment has slowed—increasing only by 3,800 compared with 7,513 in the previous year—indicating that many new households may be without children.
- **Hispanic children represent a growing share of the student population, increasing to 5.6 percent of total metro-wide school enrollment by spring 2009; while black students reached 42.8 percent by spring 2009.** Before Katrina, black children accounted for 49.1 percent of all public and private school enrollment in the metro but fell to 39.1 percent by spring 2007. The share of black students has continued to rise since 2007 reaching 42.8 percent by spring 2009. In contrast, immediately following Katrina, Hispanic students grew as a share of all public and private school students, from 3.6 percent pre-Katrina to 5 percent by spring 2007, and to 5.6 percent by spring 2009.
- **Total enrollment at New Orleans' colleges and universities grew 5 percent since spring 2008, including 1,502 more students at Delgado Community College.** The graduation of the "Katrina class" in May 2009 marked the four-year anniversary of Katrina at local colleges and universities, and while some schools are struggling with post-Katrina recruiting, others are exceeding expectations. Total spring enrollment levels at SUNO, Delgado Community College, and Tulane University have grown three consecutive years, even as larger classes of students that started pre-Katrina have graduated.

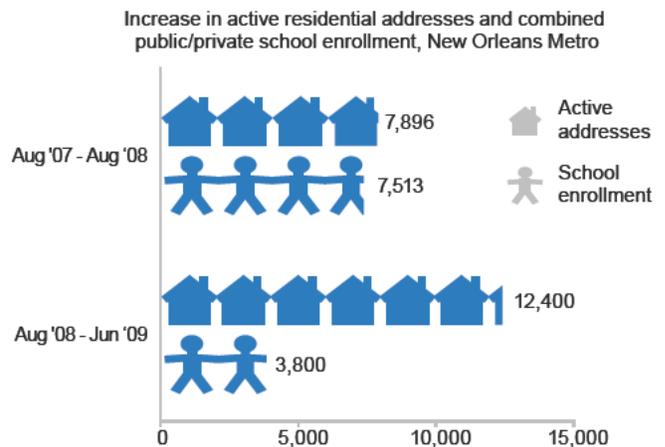
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Population At-a-Glance

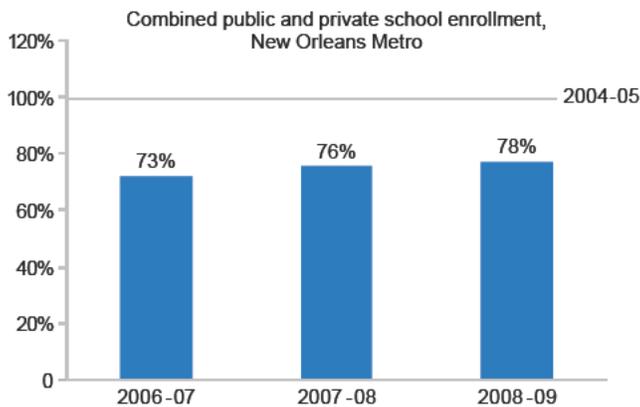
The population of the city and metro area grew at a faster rate in the fourth year after Katrina than in the previous year.



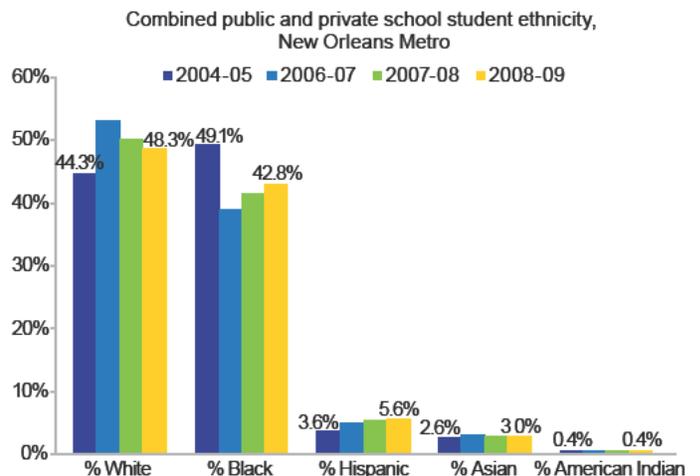
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Black children continue to make up a growing share of total public and private school students, reaching 42.8 percent of total students by the end of the 2008-2009 school year, while the share of Hispanic children climbed to 5.6 percent.



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Economy Trends

- **The New Orleans metro area continues to weather the national recession relatively well, only losing 0.9 percent of total jobs since last June compared to a 4.1 percent loss for the nation.** Industry sectors with the largest declines nationally since June 2008—including construction and manufacturing—shed relatively few jobs in the New Orleans metro and represented a relatively small portion of the region's overall economy. Of those sectors with more than 50,000 jobs in the region, only professional and business services suffered severe job losses (down 3.5 percent). Leisure and hospitality lost only 0.9 percent of all jobs, and the trade, transportation and utilities sector is down only 1.2 percent. Education and health services and government added jobs, at 3 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively.
- **The non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the New Orleans metro area surged to 7.3 percent in June 2009, up from 5.9 percent one month ago, and 4.6 percent last June.** Meanwhile the seasonally adjusted U.S. rate reached 9.5 percent, up from 9.4 percent one month ago, and 5.6 percent last June. The one-month spike in the unemployment rate for the New Orleans metro was caused primarily by a sharp rise in the number of people seeking work, rather than by job losses. Compared to the 100 largest metros, New Orleans had the sixth lowest unemployment rate in the first quarter of 2009.¹
- **The non-seasonally adjusted New Orleans metro area labor force increased to 534,000 in June 2009, a nearly two percent increase from one month ago, and 1 percent lower than last June.** Meanwhile the seasonally adjusted U.S. labor force fell slightly since last month, and is up 0.3 percent since June 2008. In the New Orleans metro area, 8,964 people entered the labor force in search of summer work between May and June 2009, accounting for nearly all of the surge in the area's unemployment rate.
- **New Orleans sales tax revenue declined in April and May 2009 for the first time since 2006, reflecting the national decline in consumer spending.** General sales tax revenues for the city of New Orleans were down from a year ago by 22 percent in April and 2 percent in May. Other tax revenues seemed to be even more deeply affected by the recession: Motor vehicle tax collections were down 18 percent in April, and 28 percent in May, and hotel/motel tax revenues were down 12 percent in April and 24 percent in May.
- **General cargo handled at the Port of New Orleans was down 19 percent in 2008, signaling the effects of not only a national, but a global recession.** In 2007, 7.4 million short tons of general cargo passed through the port, compared to only 5.9 million in 2008. A 32 percent drop in the volume of imported iron and steel products handled at the Port was the largest reason for the decline. Iron and steel imports, which typically account for 50 to 70 percent of general cargo tonnage handled at the port, accounted for less than 41 percent of general cargo in 2008.²

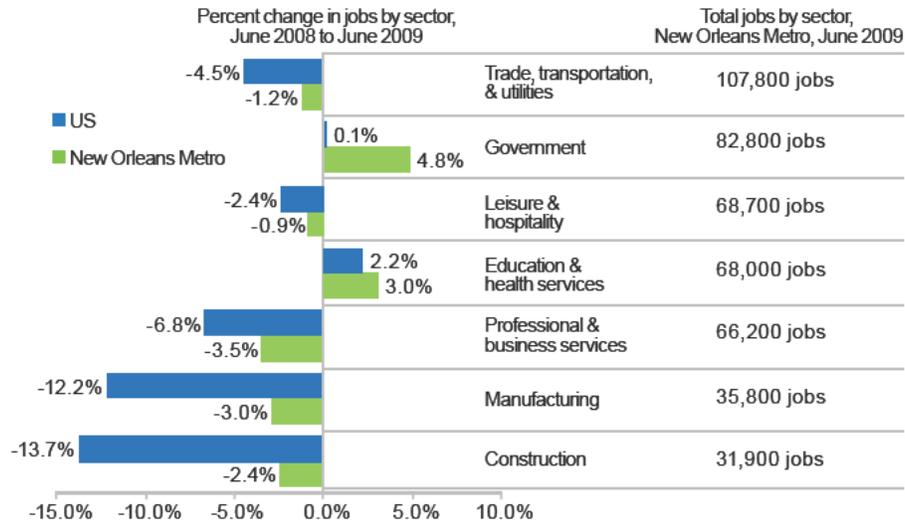
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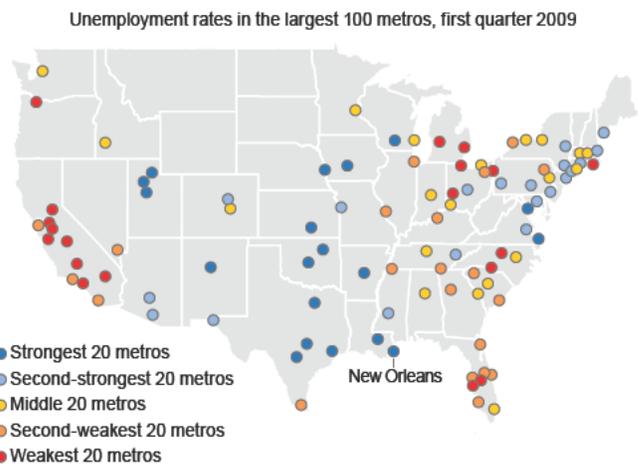
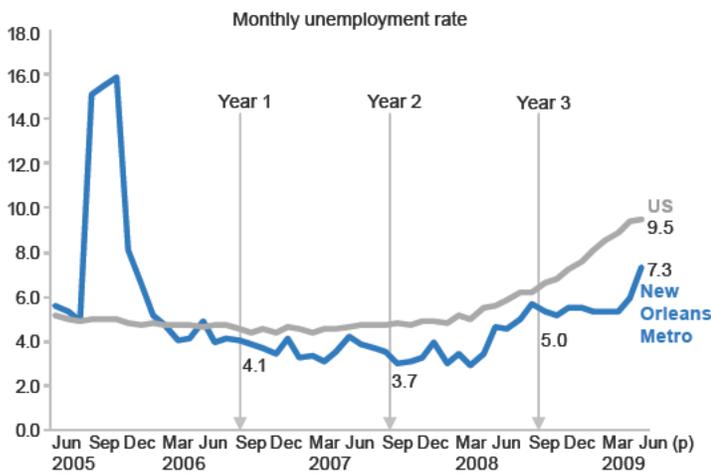
Economy At-a-Glance

The New Orleans metro economy is weathering the recession with job gains or relatively few job losses in most key sectors.



Although unemployment in the New Orleans metro has risen in the fourth year after Katrina, it remains lower than the national level.

Based on its relatively low unemployment rate, of the largest 100 metros, New Orleans ranks among the strongest.



Top graph source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics.

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Housing Trends

- The market for single family homes across the metro area cooled in 2009, with sales volumes and average prices down markedly from one year earlier.** The total number of homes sold in the metro area fell to 686 in May 2009, down 23 percent from one year earlier and nearly half the number sold in May 2006 and May 2007. Comparing first quarter 2008 to first quarter 2009, housing prices across the New Orleans metro fell 0.3 percent—although not as steeply as the national decrease of 6.3 percent, or the 6.9 percent average decrease for the 100 largest metros across the same time frame.¹
- In its fourth year of disaster recovery, the pace of home reconstruction and new construction has slowed in New Orleans.** From September 2008 to May 2009, the monthly average number of residential permits issued in the city was 420, down from 676 in September 2007 through August 2008, and from 912 in the prior year. Similarly, the monthly average of new residential housing units authorized for construction fell to 197 since September 2008, down from 218 in the third year and from 211 in the second year of recovery.
- As of June 2009, the Road Home program has disbursed \$7.95 billion in grants to 124,219 underinsured homeowners, the vast majority of whom will rebuild.** As the Road Home transitions to a new contractor, only 8,635 applicants remain—half of whom are still demonstrating their eligibility. In Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes, where housing damage was often minor in severity,² ninety-nine percent of Road Home recipients will rebuild their homes. The largest number of grants has been distributed to homeowners in Orleans Parish, where 90 percent are rebuilding. In St. Bernard, only 64 percent of grant recipients are rebuilding. Through this program the state has acquired 9,418 properties in the five-parish area from homeowners choosing not to rebuild.
- Orleans and St. Bernard parishes continue to have very high numbers of vacant and blighted residences, though these numbers have declined in the fourth year of recovery.** Since last September, Orleans and St. Bernard parishes reduced their inventory of vacant and blighted residences by 3,839 and 816 respectively. However, as of March 2009, the share of unoccupied residential addresses in Orleans and St. Bernard, at 31 and 53 percent respectively, exceeds other cities also grappling with excess land and buildings. In absolute numbers, New Orleans has 65,888 unoccupied residential addresses—nearly as many as Detroit.³ In St. Bernard, 14,372 residences are unoccupied. [See Recovery of New Orleans by Neighborhood on page 17 for more details.]
- Many essential service workers in the New Orleans area cannot afford the fair market rents of an apartment in the region.** According to analysis of 2008 data, there are many workers in occupations with high labor shortages, such as food preparation, health care support, and retail sales, who spent more than 30 percent of their monthly income to rent even an efficiency apartment in the area.

1 The Brookings Institution. "MetroMonitor." Available at http://www.brookings.edu/metro/MetroMonitor/~/_/media/Files/Programs/Metro/metro_monitor/metro_profiles/new_orleans_la_metro_profile.pdf

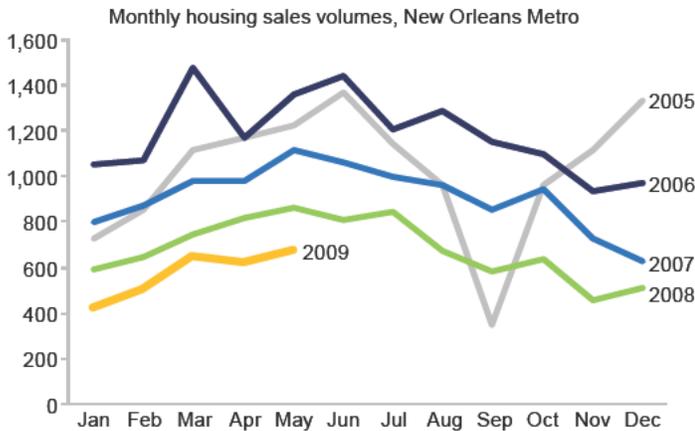
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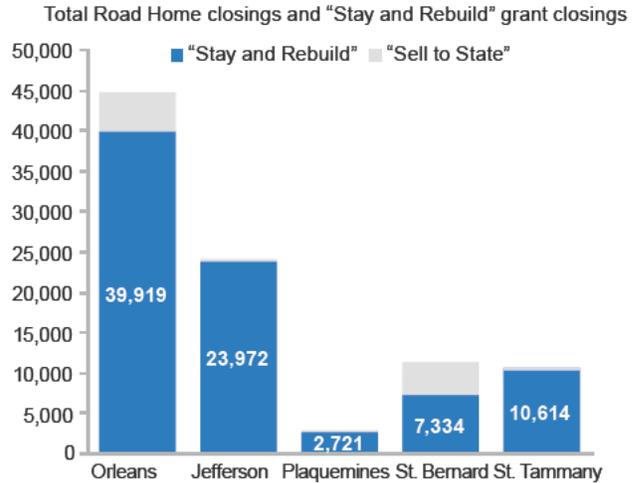
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Housing At-a-Glance

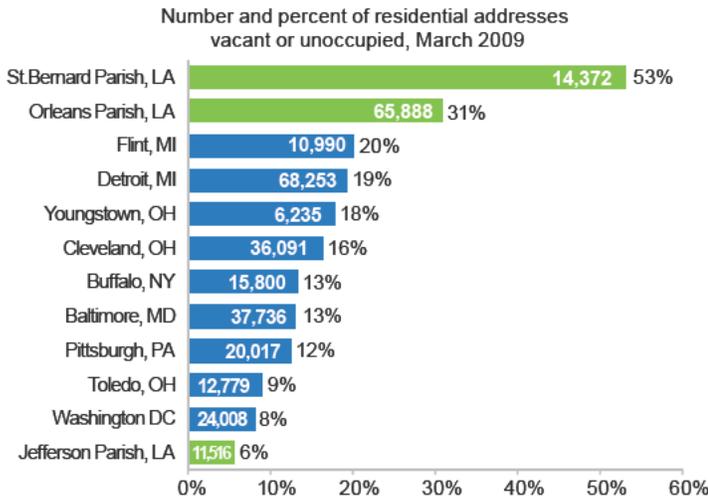
Metro area home sales volumes were 23 percent lower in May 2009 than the previous year.



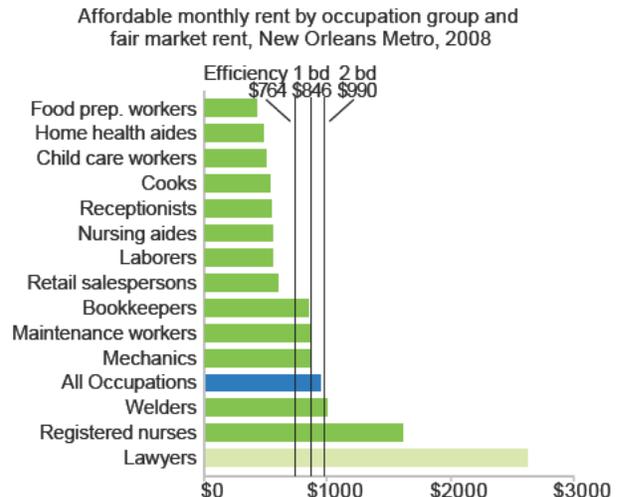
The largest number of Road Home recipients is in Orleans Parish where the vast majority will stay and rebuild.



New Orleans area parishes, like many cities around the country, are grappling with large numbers of unoccupied residential addresses.



Few workers in key service sector jobs with high vacancies can afford an apartment in New Orleans metro with 30 percent (or less) of their monthly wages.



Top graph source: New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors. Bottom graph source: GNOCDC analysis of HUD Aggregated USPS Administrative Data on Address Vacancies.

Top graph source: The Road Home Program. Bottom graph source: BLS Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Note: Lawyers are provided for contrast, but did not have large vacancies.

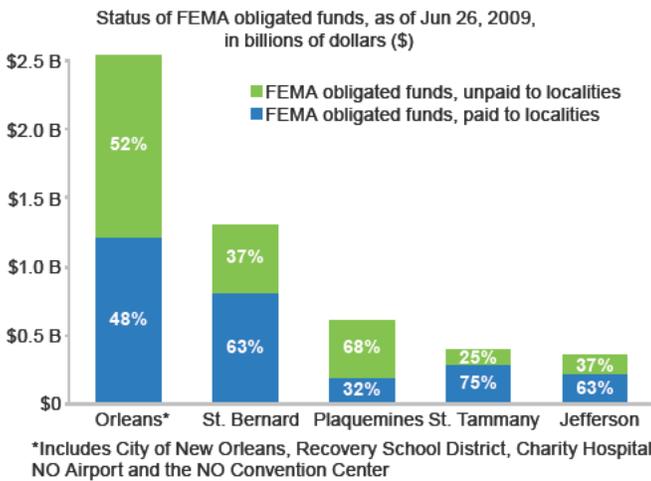
Infrastructure Trends

- **FEMA has obligated an additional \$900 million for infrastructure repairs in Louisiana since last July, bringing the total to nearly \$7.8 billion, of which 58 percent has been paid to localities.** Nearly four years after Katrina, total funding approved for disaster recovery is still on the rise—particularly in hard hit parishes where damage is so extensive that local governments are overwhelmed trying to document it all. Over the past year, FEMA obligated an additional \$510 million for Orleans Parish and an additional \$201 million for St. Bernard Parish. Slightly less than half of the total \$2.5 billion obligated to private and governmental entities in Orleans Parish for debris removal and infrastructure repairs remains to be paid.
- **In the fourth year after Katrina, sixteen additional schools opened in the New Orleans area.** In hard hit St. Bernard Parish, three public schools opened and in Orleans Parish, eight public and two private schools opened in the last year. In St. Tammany Parish one additional school and in Jefferson Parish two additional schools have opened since the third anniversary of Katrina.
- **A flurry of child care center openings in Orleans and St. Bernard parishes has boosted their shares of centers to half the pre-Katrina number for the first time since the storm.** Since August 2008, 22 child care centers have opened in Orleans Parish bringing the total to 141 or 51 percent of pre-Katrina, up from 43 percent. In St. Bernard, five child care centers opened, bringing the total there to 50 percent of pre-Katrina. In St. Tammany one child care center opened, while in Jefferson Parish the total number of licensed child care centers fell by two over the last year.
- **Between May 2008 and 2009, average daily ridership on public transportation rose 10 percent, but remained well below pre-Katrina levels.** In the fourth year of recovery, ridership on public buses and street cars increased and the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority began offering new “Lil Easy” service in Lower Ninth Ward, Gentilly and Lakeview neighborhoods. (This service runs small 15-seat buses on custom routes with passengers reserving seats in advance.) But by May 2009, ridership remained at only 43 percent of pre-Katrina levels.
- **New Orleans remains vulnerable to storm-related flooding—but how vulnerable is currently unknown.** The Army Corps of Engineers continues work on the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System that is intended to provide protection from a storm surge that has a 1 percent chance of occurring any given year. However, Katrina was a 0.25 percent storm, stronger than the level of protection for which the system currently under construction is designed. Because no regularly-updated indicators exist on land loss, coastal restoration, and mitigation of flood risk due to human engineering, tracking recovery in this realm is challenging.

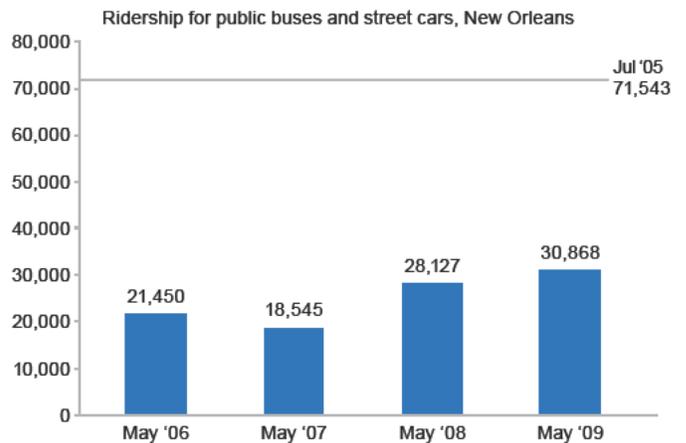
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Infrastructure At-a-Glance

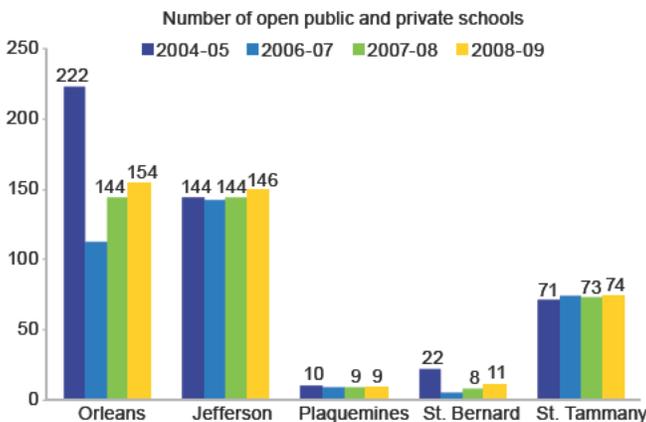
By June 2008, Orleans and Plaquemines parishes had received less than 50 percent of the FEMA Public Assistance funds obligated to them.



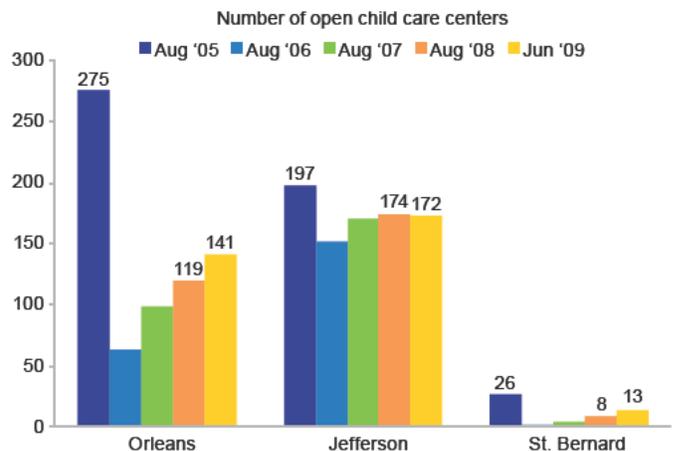
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Since August 2008, there continued to be a steady pace of child care center openings in Orleans and St. Bernard parishes.



Top graph source: FEMA. **Bottom graph source:** Louisiana Department of Education.

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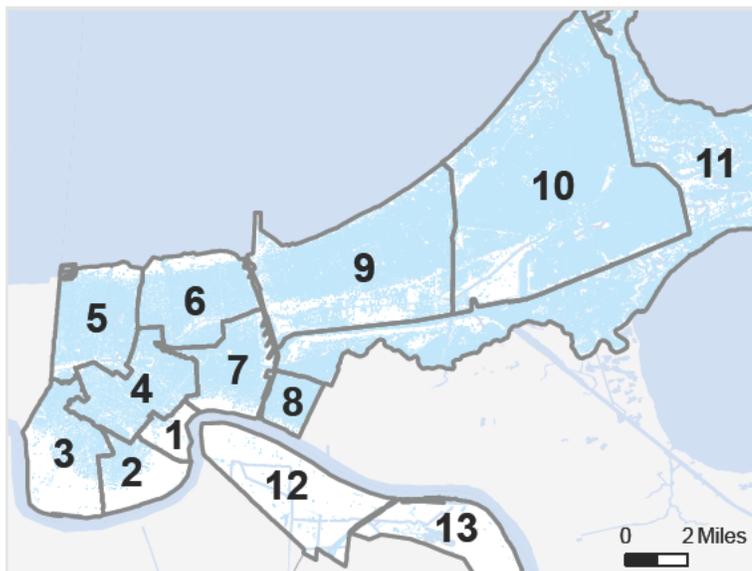
Recovery of New Orleans by Neighborhood

When the levees protecting New Orleans failed in August 2005, approximately 80 percent of the city was flooded. The business district and main tourist centers were relatively undamaged, but vast expanses of many New Orleans neighborhoods were inundated, making this the largest residential disaster in U.S. history.

The extent of damage varied greatly from one part of town to another. Some areas received one foot of flooding while others were submerged by 10 feet of water. The rate of recovery has also varied across the city.

In this section, we examine recovery indicators across the 73 neighborhoods and 13 planning districts of New Orleans to reveal trends across smaller areas that may be masked by citywide figures. New Orleans has 73 official neighborhoods that form 13 planning districts. (See reference map below for planning district boundaries and names of neighborhoods within each.)

Extent of flooding from Katrina



District Neighborhood Names

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|----|---|
| 1 | Central Business District, French Quarter |
| 2 | Central City, East Riverside, Garden District, Irish Channel, Lower Garden District, Milan, St. Thomas, Touro |
| 3 | Audubon, Black Pearl, Broadmoor, Dixon, East Carrollton, Fontainebleau, Freret, Hollygrove, Leonidas, Uptown, West Riverside |
| 4 | Bayou St. John, BW Cooper, Fairgrounds, Gert Town, Iberville, Mid-City, St. Bernard Area, Seventh Ward, Tremé/Lafitte, Tulane/Gravier |
| 5 | City Park, Lakeshore/Lake Vista, Lakeview, Lakewood, Navarre, West End |
| 6 | Dillard, Filmore, Gentilly Terrace, Gentilly Woods, Lake Terrace & Lake Oaks, Milneburg, Pontchartrain Park, St. Anthony |
| 7 | Bywater, Desire Area, Desire Development, Florida Area, Florida Development, Marigny, St. Claude, St. Roch |
| 8 | Holy Cross, Lower 9th Ward |
| 9 | Little Woods, Pines Village, Plum Orchard, Read Boulevard East, Read Boulevard West, West Lake Forest |
| 10 | Village de L'Est |
| 11 | Lake Catherine, Viavant/Venetian Isles |
| 12 | Algiers Point, Behrman, Fischer, McDonogh, Old Aurora, US Naval Support Area, Tall Timbers/ Brechtel, Whitney |
| 13 | English Turn |

Sources: Brakenridge, G.R., E. Anderson (2005) Flood Inundation Vector derived from SPOT satellite image from Sept. 2, 2005. Dartmouth Floods Observatory, Hanover, NH, USA (flood extent); New Orleans City Planning (planning districts and neighborhoods).

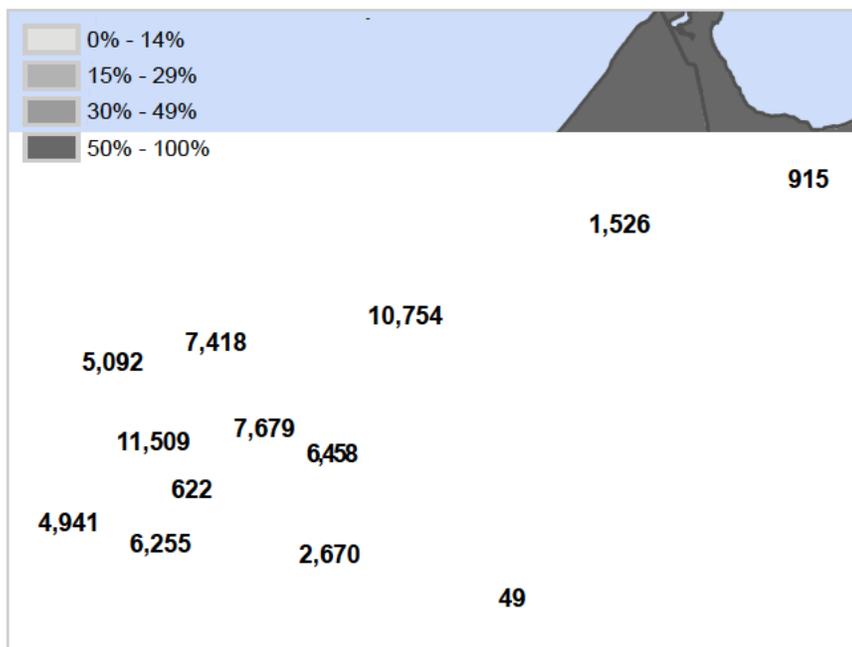
In the following pages, we examine population trends across the 73 neighborhoods and housing trends across the 13 planning districts. This information can help residents, neighborhood groups, and decisionmakers act more strategically and effectively for their community.

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Vacant/Unoccupied Residential Addresses

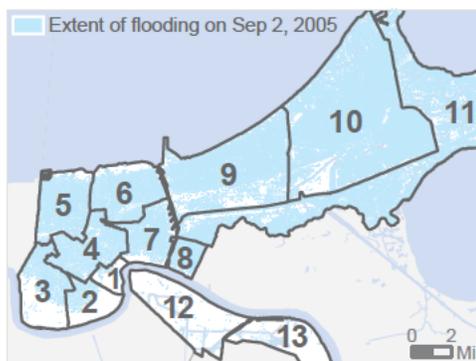
The levee failures associated with Katrina left New Orleans with an unprecedented level of residential blight. However, since September 2008, the number of unoccupied residential addresses in New Orleans has declined from 69,727 to 65,888 in March 2009 as repopulation and redevelopment continue. A relatively small number of these (7,083) are “vacant” according to the post office, suggesting that they are likely habitable residences that have not been purchased or rented. Post office data suggests that the remainder—nearly 59,000 residential addresses—are blighted or empty lots. Planning District 4 has the largest number of unoccupied addresses with 11,509. Some of these may be accounted for by three public housing projects that are being redeveloped in that planning district, but a large number are likely associated with blighted residences that were flooded by Katrina. Planning Districts 6, 7, 8 and 9 experienced extensive flooding and each has more than 6,000 unoccupied residential addresses. Even planning districts that experienced limited flooding have a large number of unoccupied addresses. For example, Planning Districts 2 and 3 have 6,255 and 4,941 unoccupied residential addresses respectively, likely due in part to significant levels of pre-Katrina blight.

Number of unoccupied residential addresses by planning district and percent by census tract, March 2009



Source: GNOCDC analysis of HUD Aggregated USPS Administrative Data on Address Vacancies.

Notes: “Addresses” are distinguished from “properties” in that multiple addresses can be located on a single property (e.g. shotgun double). Unoccupied addresses include vacant and no-stat addresses. Vacant addresses have not had mail collected for 90 days or longer. No-Stat addresses include addresses identified by the letter carrier as not likely to receive mail for some time, buildings under construction and not yet occupied, and rural route addresses vacant for 90 days or longer. In the parishes affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, no-stat addresses include heavily damaged homes that have not been re-occupied. Due to HUD’s aggregation process, about 1 percent of records are not included. The district boundaries for planning districts 1, 2, 9, 10, and 11 are slightly modified in order to coincide with census tracts because data was only available at the tract level. Planning District 2 includes the area bounded by Magazine, Julia, I-10, and the river, which is usually included in Planning District 1. Planning District 11 includes the area between Chef Menteur Hwy and the Intracoastal Waterway, which is usually included in planning districts 9 and 10.



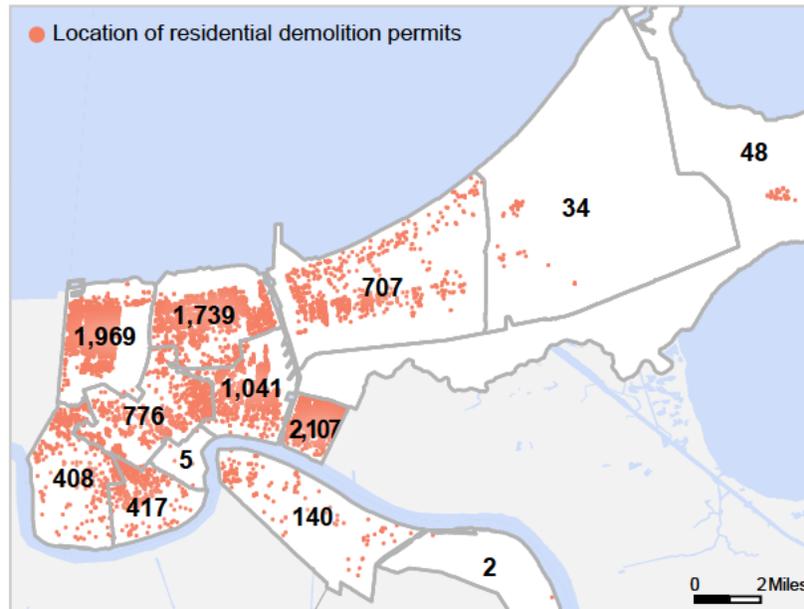
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Residential Demolitions

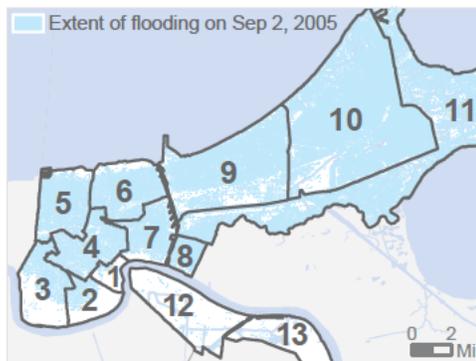
The largest number of residential demolition permits (2,107) has been issued for Planning District 8, which encompasses the Lower Ninth Ward where water funneled by the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet breached the levee with such force that homes were knocked off their foundations. In those cases where homes were reduced to splinters and cleared as debris, demolition permits were not issued, indicating that Planning District 8 likely has more than 2,107 empty lots. The next largest number of demolition permits (1,969) has been issued for Planning District 5, which encompasses the higher income Lakeview neighborhood. Here returning homeowners are purchasing and clearing adjacent lots to create larger lawns or home expansions. In Planning District 6, which encompasses the middle-income Gentilly neighborhood, 1,739 demolition permits have been issued. All other planning districts had fewer than 1,050 demolition permits, suggesting thousands of blighted structures remain.

Number of residential demolition permits by planning district, May 2009



Source: GNOCDC analysis of May 2009 City of New Orleans permit data.

Notes: Data reflects demolition permits issued since October 1, 2005. Demolition permits issued to addresses that were also issued a new construction permit are not included in this dataset in an attempt to capture data on empty lots, rather than houses being rebuilt. Duplicate demolition permits issued to the same address are also excluded.



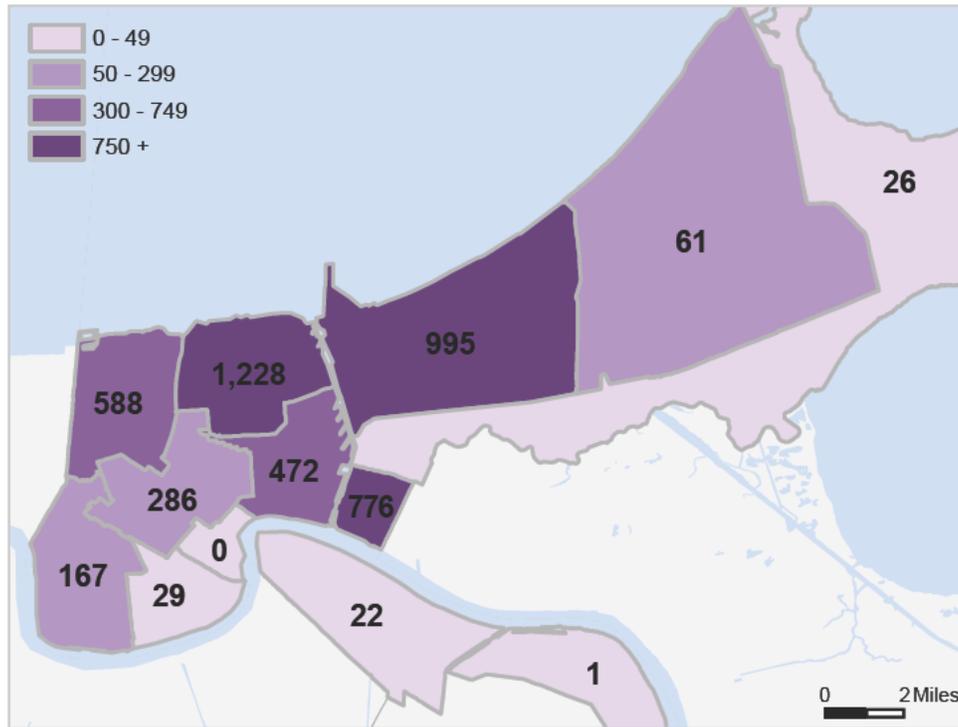
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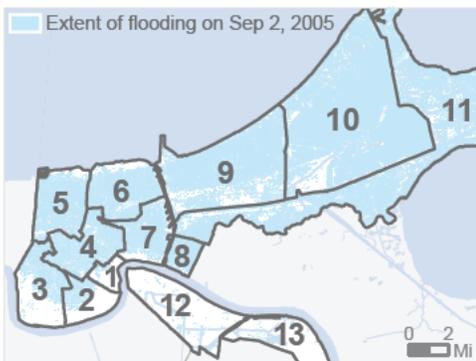
Road Home Residential Properties Sold to the State

Through the Road Home program the state has acquired more than more than 4,600 residential properties in New Orleans as of June 2009. These properties will be turned over to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) in phases. The largest number of these is in Planning District 6 (1,228) followed by Planning District 9 (995), and Planning District 8 (776). The maintenance and disposition of these properties presents new challenges and opportunities for New Orleans. In neighborhoods with strong markets, these properties can be sold at market rates, but in neighborhoods with weaker markets, long-term land banking and other large-scale land disposition and redevelopment policies may be necessary. Compared with most of the blighted properties in New Orleans, these properties will be easier to process because titles have already been cleared and the properties acquired. Unfortunately, they represent a relatively small portion of the tens of thousands of unoccupied residences across the city.

Number of residential properties sold to the state by planning district, June 2009



Source: Louisiana Recovery Authority. Note: Data reflects option selected at closing.



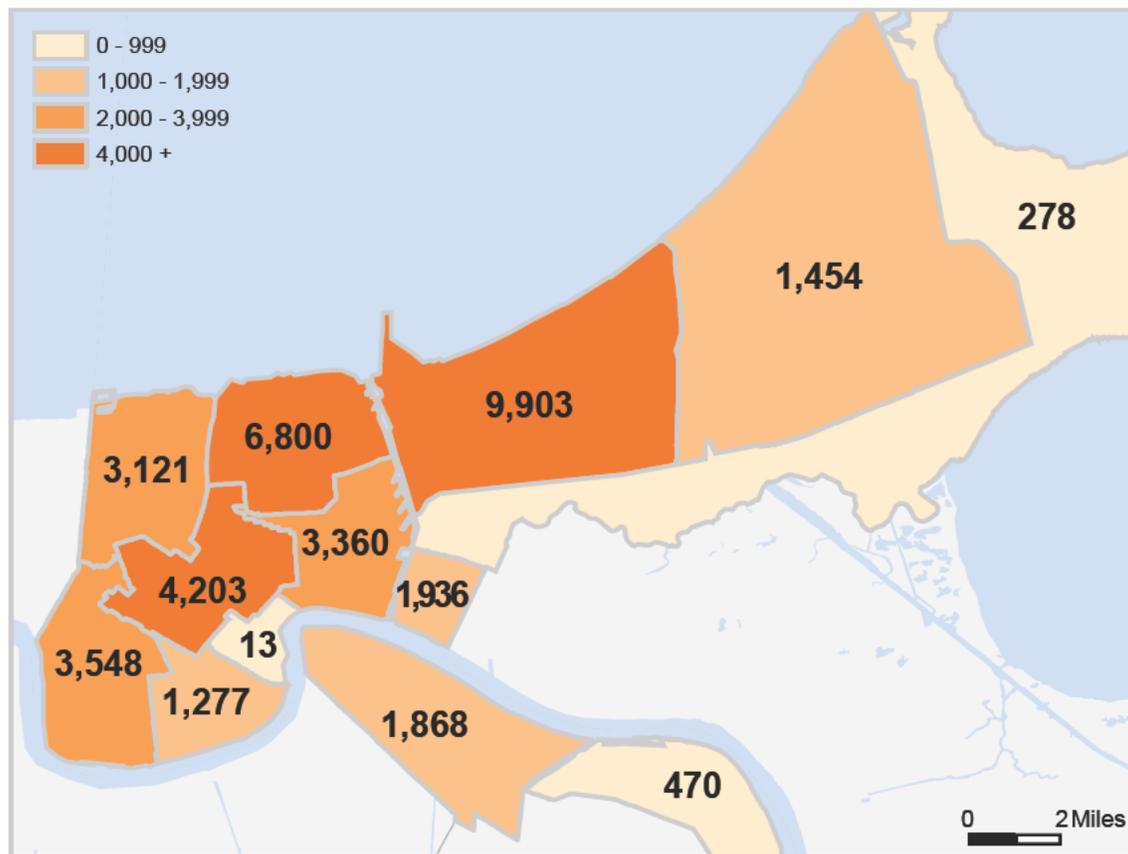
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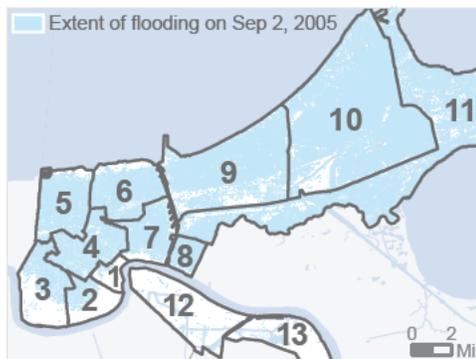
Road Home Stay and Rebuild

A very large number of homeowners are determined to rebuild their homes, even in heavily damaged parts of the city, as indicated by the number of Road Home recipients electing the “stay and rebuild” option. The largest number (9,903) of homeowners expected to rebuild their homes is in Planning District 9, which covers much of New Orleans East. In Planning District 6 and in Planning District 4, 6,800 and 4,203 Road Home recipients respectively have chosen to use their grants to rebuild, suggesting that many vacant properties in these areas may still become rehabbed.

Number of residential properties being rebuilt with Road Home grants by planning district, June 2009



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Entrepreneurs Leverage New Orleans's Charm to Lure Small Businesses

By **ABBY ELLIN**

IT has been a long time since the word “optimism” was spoken in the same sentence as “New Orleans.”

But a small group of entrepreneurs has been using that word lately to describe their efforts to attract small businesses to New Orleans. For now, their enthusiasm may be greater than their results. But they say the city's low rents and business tax incentives along with its music and culture have proved to be powerful lures, despite the still-halting efforts to get past the devastation of [Hurricane Katrina](#) in 2005.

“We're seeing the exact same thing here that we saw in the Bay Area in the mid '90s,” said Michael Hecht, 38, president of Greater New Orleans Inc., a nonprofit economic development agency. He moved to New Orleans in early 2006 after time in both San Francisco and New York. “There's a sense of opportunity and possibility, combined with people who have the horsepower to actualize those possibilities.”

Since Hurricane Katrina, at least four formal entrepreneurial hubs have been established in New Orleans: Entrepreneur's Row, the Icehouse, the I.P., (an acronym for Intellectual Property) and the [Entergy](#) Innovation Center. While they all hope to help nurture individual businesses, they are not technically incubators. Instead, they house start-ups and established companies while focusing on “clustering like-minded entrepreneurs to build their businesses together,” said Tim Williamson, 44, the co-founder and chief executive of the Idea Village, a nonprofit group founded in 2000 that helped created the I.P.

So far, they seem to be doing something right. According to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the New Orleans metropolitan area reported an increase of nearly 100,000 nonfarm jobs from October 2005 — soon after Katrina — to June 2009. By 2016, the commission expects New Orleans area employment to grow 24 percent from 2006 levels, or to 98.8 percent of pre-Katrina levels.

“There has never been a better time in Louisiana for the creative class to thrive,” said Mitchell J. Landrieu, the state's lieutenant governor.

Jon Guidroz, 27, is one of the entrepreneurs who was persuaded to move to the city. He grew up in New Orleans but was living in Massachusetts and working for Free Flow Power, a renewable energy company, after Katrina hit. “I wanted to return to help,” he said. But he said he did not see a strong business reason to move.

Then, last year, Sean Cummings, a real estate developer and entrepreneur in New Orleans, randomly found Free Flow's Web site and noticed that the company had a Mississippi River project in the works. Mr. Cummings, 44, a co-founder of a group called

[Startup New Orleans](#), invited Mr. Guidroz to visit his offices in New Orleans at 220 Camp Street, a loft building called Entrepreneur's Row. As an extra incentive, Mr. Cummings even offered to give him six months free rent.

"He helped me fulfill my dream of bringing this business to New Orleans," said Mr. Guidroz, who moved back in January. "Until these guys rolled out the red carpet for me — immediate access to a substantial network in the city and state for getting things done, finding local investors — I don't think we would have done it."

Entrepreneur's Row was conceived in May 2007, when Mr. Cummings received a phone call from Nicolas Perkin, the co-founder and president of the Receivables Exchange, an electronic marketplace for the buying and selling of commercial receivables. Mr. Perkin had recently gotten married, and he and his bride wanted to relocate to New Orleans from New York. What did Mr. Cummings think?

Mr. Cummings thought it was a great idea, and the two men set about figuring out how to attract other entrepreneurs to the city. "To really prosper, New Orleans must focus on the few opportunities where we have a compelling competitive advantage," Mr. Cummings said. "We must likewise recruit entrepreneurs who are drawn to a joyful quality of life. It's a home-run success story. Entrepreneurs are reinventing New Orleans, like Prague after the curtain, like Milan, like a smaller Seattle."

Along with three other business executives, Mr. Cummings and Mr. Perkin came up with Startup New Orleans, a Web-based information service to connect entrepreneurs with the resources they need to set up a new business. In March 2008, Mr. Cummings established Entrepreneur's Row. Today, it is home to nine companies, including the Receivables Exchange; Mr. Guidroz's company Free Flow Power; and Audiosocket, a music licensor. (Mr. Cummings has a financial stake in at least six of the companies.)

The Icehouse — a 12,000-square-foot, renovated warehouse in the Seventh Ward, which was severely damaged by Katrina — opened in April 2008 and now houses seven businesses. They each pay \$600 a desk each month, which covers a phone with private number, high-speed Internet, a kitchen and a rooftop deck access.

"One of the things we wanted to do post-Katrina was to make sure that our footprint had maximum impact," said Robbie Vitrano, president of Trumpet, a branding and business development firm that is managing the building. "We wanted to be in a neighborhood that was redeveloping." Mr. Vitrano, 45, is also a co-founder of Startup New Orleans. Earlier this year, the Idea Village and Greater New Orleans Inc. refurbished an 85,000-square-foot building at 643 Magazine Street in the warehouse district and called it the I.P. (Intellectual Property). It has nine tenants, including TurboSquid, a 3-D modeling company; TJ Ebbert and Associates, a disaster management consulting firm; and Carrollton Technology Partners, a technology development company. The building has a cafe, a gym with his and her saunas, business concierge desk and multiple "brainstorm rooms."

Part of the appeal is that New Orleans is, perhaps, the ultimate college campus for adults. After work, many of the young businesspeople gather for drinks at International House, the boutique hotel in the central business district that Mr. Cummings opened 10 years ago across the street from his loft building. Mr. Cummings and Mr. Perkin also hold monthly meetings at the hotel in which business owners can share war stories and vent.

"The thing about this city, like no other — everybody wants everyone to succeed," said Seema Sudan, the owner and director of design at the knitwear company LiaMolly, who

moved to New Orleans in October 2007. "I have never been in a place that is so community-oriented," she said. "Competitive gets you nowhere. It's about being collaborative. And this city is so like that, from the people helping each other rebuild their homes to building businesses."

She said she also appreciated the quality of life, and the fact that she paid \$800 for a 900-square-foot studio in the Garden District, and \$1,800 for a three-bedroom apartment with a yard and tree house.

Two years into his project, Mr. Cummings remains enthusiastic.

"I am blown away by the caliber of talent," he said. "It's a thriving creative culture of invention. And it is growing every day."

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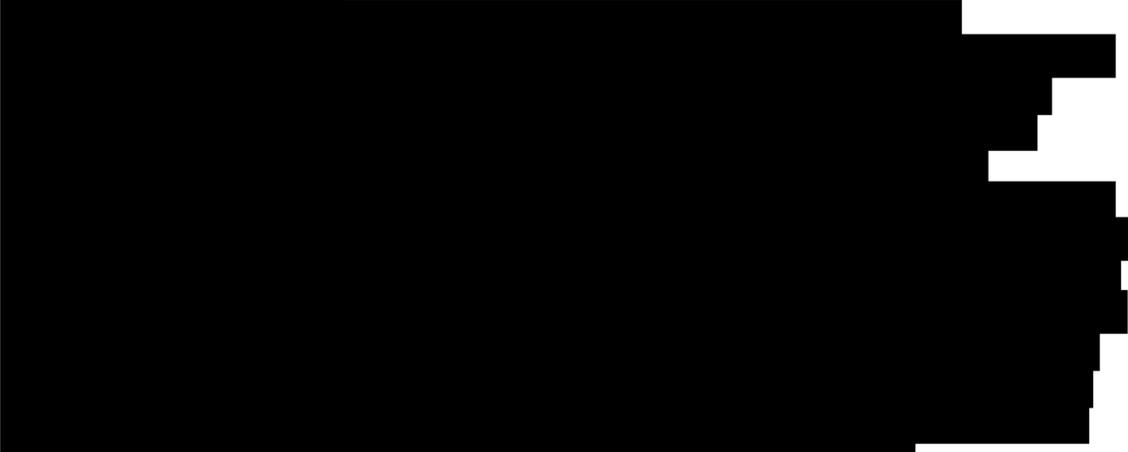
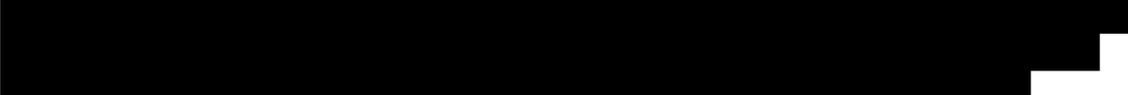
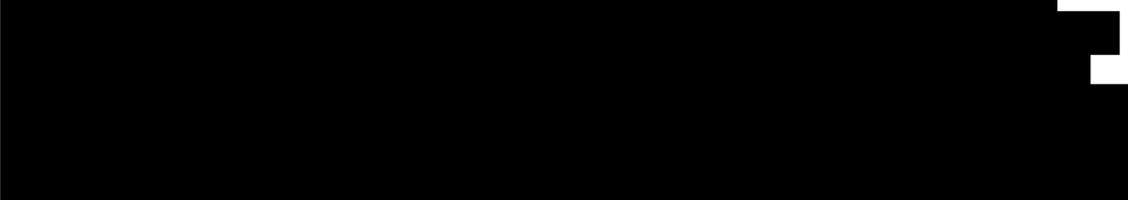
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Democrats Could Tackle Immigration Reform Before Climate Bill. The [AP](#) (4/23, Kellman, Daly) reports, "Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, trailing in polls in heavily Hispanic Nevada, wants to pursue legislation to provide legal status for many unlawful immigrants before the Senate tackles a climate change and energy bill and as Democrats defend their congressional majorities ahead of the November congressional elections." According to "two Democratic officials familiar with the developments," Reid "broached the change of priorities during a meeting this week with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi," and the Speaker reportedly told him, "When you're ready with one [immigration bill], we will take it up."

[Politico](#) (4/23, Hunt, 25K) reports that the run-up to an immigration debate could "potentially" expose "deep fissures in the party," while "forcing nervous lawmakers to vote on an emotional wedge issue just months before the midterm elections." Pelosi said yesterday, "If the Senate is ready with an immigration bill, we don't want anyone holding it up." According to "a Democratic aide," Reid "is sending his 'strongest signal yet' that immigration reform is next on tap for the Senate."

Hastily Assembled Bill Feared. [CongressDaily](#) (4/23, Strohm, Goode) reports on mounting concerns that "Reid might try to advance a hastily drafted immigration reform bill to satisfy demands that legislation is introduced by May 1. Sources said such a move would be disruptive to business and labor groups, which resumed delicate negotiations Wednesday to find compromises on several issues, including how to bring workers into the country to meet labor needs." Business groups were attempting Thursday "to find out what kind of bill Reid wants to bring forward, fearing he may try to advance" legislation from Rep. Luis Gutierrez that "is loaded with provisions backed by liberal Democrats but opposed by business groups."

Graham: Move "Destroys" Chance For Climate Bill. [The Hill](#) (4/23, Geman, 21K) reports, "Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Thursday said the Senate is not ready to tackle immigration reform and that bringing a bill forward would be 'CYA politics.' CYA is slang for 'cover your a**.'" [Politico](#) (4/23, Cogan, 25K) notes that Graham also said "a sudden turn by Senate Democrats to immigration could 'destroy' any hope of a major climate and energy bill this year." Graham "has been working for months with Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Joe Lieberman (O-Conn.) on a bipartisan climate change bill that could garner enough votes to pass the Senate. The trio is planning to release the bill Monday." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/23, 2.08M) covers Graham's statements on its "Washington Wire" blog.

[CQ](#) (4/23, Stern) reports that as Graham warns of bad timing on a reform push, "immigration advocates are distancing themselves" from the Senator, "saying perhaps it is time to abandon the bipartisan approach and try something else, such as moving a bill crafted by Democrats that might pick up GOP support. The sharp turn in the debate highlights the political and practical challenges that an immigration bill faces in the Senate, despite assurances from Democratic leaders in both chambers that the bill will be a priority."

[FOX News](#) (4/23) reports on its website that it remains to be seen whether Democrats can pull off both immigration and climate change legislation, "especially after the intense health care overhaul has many lawmakers still reeling. Still, Pelosi remained confident that lawmakers could move the climate change bill through the Senate." Meanwhile, "Sen. Jeff Sessions, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, asked why Congress would consider immigration overhaul with the economy still in a fragile condition."

Jacoby Says Reform Should Only Proceed On Bipartisan Basis. Tamar Jacoby writes in a [Washington Post](#) (4/23, A19, 684K) column that while statements from Reid and Pelosi this week regarding immigration reform are exciting, and "could be a game-changer," they must lead "to a genuine, bipartisan push for an overhaul. A symbolic, partisan effort -- such as introducing a bill that cannot pass -- would be worse than no action at all and could set the cause back for years."

Brewer Renews Call For National Guard Troops, Keeps Mum On Immigration Law. The [AP](#) (4/23) reports Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer renewed her call "for more troops along the state's border with Mexico on Thursday, two days before a deadline for her to approve or strike down the nation's toughest legislation on illegal immigration." She "ordered a re-allocation of state National Guard and law enforcement resources and called on the federal government to deploy National Guard troops as hundreds of Hispanics protested the bill at the State Capitol complex." She would not discuss her plans for the state bill Thursday, "but told a dinner meeting of an Hispanic group that she heard and understood concerns about the bill, which the group's chairwoman had condemned minutes earlier as 'a hateful piece of legislation.'"

Brewer's Office Hears From Bill's Opponents. [ABC News](#) (4/23, Khan) reports on its website that the Arizona law "has caused national uproar and could set the stage for court battles over how far states can go when it comes to immigration policies." ABC added that people contacting Brewer's office have weighed in "overwhelmingly against the bill. As of Wednesday afternoon, a spokeswoman said, the governor's office had tallied 1,356 people for the bill and 11,931 against it."

NYTimes Accuses McCain Of "Pandering" On Immigration Issues. The [New York Times](#) (4/23, A22, 1.09M), in an editorial, criticizes Sen. John McCain for "telling the world he'll never support immigration reform until the border is sealed," and "praising Arizona's Legislature for passing a bill that makes every Latino - citizen or not - a potential criminal defendant." According to the Times, "This pandering is tragic for a man who was one of the architects of the humane, comprehensive approach to immigration he has now disowned -- threatening a filibuster to prevent its even coming to a vote."

King, Issa Seek Expansion Of US-Mexico Border Fence. [Fox News' Special Report](#) (4/22, 6:21 p.m. EDT) reported that Reps. Pete King and Darrell Issa have asked Secretary Napolitano to add to the US-Mexico border fence "while a review of border virtual security measures continues."

"Potential Person Of Interest" Taken Off International Flight To New York. The [AP](#) (4/23, Fox) reports a man traveling on a flight to New York that originated in Nigeria was placed on a no-fly list midflight and detained during a refueling stop in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Thursday. CBP "described him only as a 'potential person of interest,' who was removed from the flight for questioning." Noting the Nigeria origins of Christmas Day bombing suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the AP cites a US official speaking on condition of anonymity who said the man was a citizen of Gambia, and "was not on the no-fly list when he boarded the aircraft."

Lawsuit Filed Over Federal Photography Regulation. The [AP](#) (4/23, Neumeister) reports the New York Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against DHS and the Federal Protective Service Thursday, stating "that a vague federal regulation restricting photography has been used inconsistently and is unconstitutional." Photographer Antonio Musumeci, "the only plaintiff in the lawsuit, was arrested as he videotaped a political protest in a public plaza. ... The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and a declaration that the government acted unconstitutionally against Musumeci, who uses photography to record political speeches and to document police misconduct."

The [New York Daily News](#) (4/23, Gendar, 588K) reports NYCLU Executive Director Donna Lieberman said the group understands "the need for heightened security around federal buildings, but the government cannot arrest people for taking pictures in a public plaza."

Officials See Shortfall In Transit Security Funding. [CO Homeland Security](#) (4/23, Korade) reports an American Public Transit Association survey of 35 members has found US transit "systems are billions of dollars behind in security investments and need Congress to close the gap." The survey indicated that \$6.4 billion is needed "over the next five years to take care of pressing security needs." Association President William Millar "told members of the House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee at a budget hearing Wednesday that there is a steep difference in the amount of security money transit agencies are authorized to receive from the Department of Homeland Security and what they're actually getting."

Oil Platform Sinks In Gulf Of Mexico Following Fire Accident. The oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico is continuing to gain major media attention, with much of the focus turning now to the sinking of the Deepwater Horizon and the potential for what a lead story on the [CBS Evening News](#) (4/22, lead story, 2:40, Rodriguez, 6.1M) called "an environmental catastrophe." Also in a lead story, [NBC Nightly News](#) (4/22, lead story, 2:50, Williams, 8.37M) noted that the rig "sank

[yesterday] into the waters of the Gulf...and the first thing a lot of people thought about was all that oil." Reporting on the "new problem," [ABC World News](#) (4/22, story 3, 2:40, Sawyer, 8.2M) pointed at "thousands of barrels of crude oil flooding into the Gulf."

Coast Guard Probing Delayed Help Call. The [AP](#) (4/23, Mohr, McGill) reports, "A crew member from an oil platform that sank off the Louisiana coast Thursday reported an initial explosion three hours before the rig went up in flames in a second, larger explosion," according to the Coast Guard. "Three hours later, the rig sent an emergency signal that's 'like a panic button,'" said Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Mike O'Berry. "At the same time, a nearby rig called to report the Deepwater Horizon was engulfed in flames, O'Berry said. The rig did not ask for help during the initial call, but the Coast Guard sent crews after the emergency signal came." Now, "the Coast Guard is investigating what happened during that span."

Obama Calls On Federal Agencies To Assist Response Efforts. [Fox News](#) (4/22) reported in its "Row 2, Seat 4" blog that President Obama has "asked" several federal agencies, including DHS and FEMA, "to devote any and all resources to the situation in the Gulf of Mexico." Obama made the request during a Thursday meeting with "senior" officials from the various agencies. "According to a statement released by White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs, the National Response Team has been activated and Unified and Area Commands have been established near New Orleans to conduct response efforts. The Interior Department is working with the Coast Guard to assess environmental damage, and the department's deputy secretary was deployed to the region on Wednesday to oversee progress."

According to the [Los Angeles Times](#) (4/23, Fausset, Times, 776K), "officials warned that the dramatic explosion and fire that sank an oil rig off the Louisiana coast may pose a serious environmental threat if oil is leaking thousands of feet below the surface." Meanwhile, "the search continues for 11 workers missing since the explosion Tuesday," but "the odds of [their] survival...diminished" yesterday. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary E. Landry noted that "some of the missing workers 'may have been in the vicinity of the explosion,'" citing "preliminary interviews with some of the 115 survivors."

The [New York Times](#) (4/23, A14, Robertson, Krauss, 1.09M) reports that when the platform "sank," it left "a one-by-five-mile sheen of what the authorities said was 'crude oil mix.'" Acknowledging "the potential to be a major spill," David Rainey, a vice president for Gulf of Mexico exploration for BP, said, "If there is any other oil that's coming from the well, it would be coming from the subsurface, so it would be coming from below the seabed. ... The well was just over 18,000 feet deep, and we don't know from where in that 18,000 feet it would be coming." Also it's not known yet whether "some 700,000 gallons of diesel fuel aboard the rig were now part of the leak."

[Bloomberg News](#) (4/23, Carroll et al.) notes, "Oil and natural-gas explorers drilling deeper than the height of Mt. Everest are risking pressure surges like the one this week that may have triggered the deadliest US rig accident in 23 years." Energy firms "are delving 10 times deeper than a decade ago in the search for untapped reservoirs of oil and gas," and, according to Neal Dingmann, an analyst at Wunderlich Securities, "the threat of pressure surges, or blowouts, that can smash steel equipment and create gushing columns of fire increases as drillers probe ever-deeper into layers of rock."

In the meantime, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/23, A5, Gold et al., 2.08M) reports that environmentalists are taking advantage of the accident. Jim Marston, director of the energy program for the Environmental Defense Fund, "While we don't need to oppose all offshore drilling, those in the industry who tell us there will never be a problem, that they've changed their ways, are way over promising."

Subsea Robot Battling Oil Spill. The [London Times \(UK\)](#) (4/23, Pagnamenta, Goddard, 618K) reports, "A team of engineers using an underwater robot was struggling last night to control" the oil spill, "one of the world's most challenging." According to "Guy Cantwell, a spokesman for Transocean, the Swiss company that owned the rig," the robot, which is "equipped with cameras and remote-controlled arms, was being used to try to activate a device on the seafloor, 5,000ft (1,500m) below the surface, that is designed automatically to clamp shut over the base of a pipe that connects the rig with the seabed."

Dent Calls For Administration To Revoke Al-Awlaki's US Citizenship. The [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (4/23, Shiffman, 326K) reports Rep. Charlie Dent on "Thursday called on the Obama administration to strip" Anwar al-Awlaki "of his American citizenship." The Inquirer adds, "Dent, a senior member of the House Homeland Security Committee, said Awlaki 'has voluntarily surrendered his citizenship' through repeated acts of terrorism against the United States." Dent added, "This guy is a very real threat."

Controversy Surrounds "South Park" Episode Including Muhammad. The [New York Times](#) (4/23, C3, Itzkoff, 1.09M) reports on the controversy surrounding the recent episode of Comedy Central's animated series "South Park," which included a satirical portrayal of the prophet Muhammad. The program "was criticized by the group Revolution Muslim in a post at its Web site, revolutionmuslim.com," which said of the show's creators, "We have to warn Matt and Trey that what they are doing is stupid, and they will probably wind up like Theo van Gogh for airing this show. This is not a threat, but a warning of

the reality of what will likely happen to them." The Times notes, "Asked if the F.B.I. was investigating, Special Agent Richard Kolko, an F.B.I. spokesman in New York, said in a phone interview that the bureau did not 'monitor people or groups, we investigate criminal activity.'" Kolko added, "The F.B.I. will investigate threats that occur over the Internet to determine if there is a potential for the threat to be carried out. However, in most cases these are First Amendment issues, and the F.B.I. vigorously defends people's First Amendment rights."

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (4/23, Collins, 776K) reports that the show "has mercilessly satirized Christianity, Buddhism, Scientology, the blind and disabled, gay people, Hollywood celebrities and politicians of all persuasions," but "after an ominous threat from a radical Muslim website," Comedy Central "bleeped out all references to the prophet Muhammad in the second of two episodes set to feature the holy figure dressed in a bear costume. The incident provides the latest example that media conglomerates are still struggling to balance free speech with safety concerns and religious sensitivities." The Times notes, "The FBI was aware of the matter, but declined to comment."

Proliferation Experts Question Administration Focus On Nuclear Terrorism. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/23, Johnson, 2.08M) reports that an Administration focus on preventing nuclear terrorism in the wake of last week's nuclear-security summit has some observers concerned that not enough attention is being paid to what they see as a more present threat of chemical or biological weapons. Eric M. Javits, ambassador under President George W. Bush to the Organisation for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons in The Hague, cited a tendency to "concentrate on what's most terrifying, not on what could really happen."

US Working To Reduce Vulnerabilities In Cyberspace. The [CBS Evening News](#) (4/22, story 5, 5:25, Rodriguez, 6.1M) focused a report in its "Where America Stands" series on the vulnerability of cyberspace, reporting that experts say its "openness...is putting the US in jeopardy." New White House Cyber Czar Howard Schmidt was shown saying that officials are working on "reducing the vulnerabilities." CBS added that the US "is also quietly hiring hackers to learn their secrets."

Expansion Of Drug Cartel Crackdown Said To Be Snaring Innocent Companies. [USA Today](#) (4/23, Hawley, 2.11M) reports an effort by officials in the US and Mexico to crack down on drug cartel finances has some complaining "they are being unfairly accused of money laundering." With the US Treasury having "nearly doubled the number of Mexican companies listed on its international blacklist of alleged drug traffickers and terrorists, from 121 to 220," since 2006, some companies in Mexico "say US authorities have gone overboard by blacklisting law-abiding firms and freezing their assets."

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