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DEEPWATER HORIZON STATEMENT MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010 7:30 p.m.

DEP is aware of the situation and we are in close coordination with our federal partners to monitor and ensure that Florida's waters, beaches and coastal resources are protected. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, the spill is not expected to impact coastal shorelines in next 72 hours. We continue to closely monitor and track the plume in order to make necessary preparations to safeguard our state's valuable natural resources. The Governor is keeping a close eye on the situation, and although Florida's Emergency Operation Center is not currently activated, the State Emergency Response team is prepared to take immediate action if it becomes necessary. The lead response agencies are the U.S. Coast Guard, the Minerals Management Service and BP. I would recommend reaching out to the established Joint Information Center at (985) 902-5231 or (985) 902-5240 for more information. A website has also been established for updates at: <http://www.d8externalaffairs.com/go/site/2931/>.