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Florida's Financial Plan for Response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

BP is a responsible party for this incident and has granted the state \$25 million to pay for initial state and local preparation and response costs. Florida's initial priority for these funds is direct protective measures to protect coastlines threatened by the oil spill *based on projected impact*.

Florida's Guiding Principles of the use of the initial \$25 million will be prioritized for direct protective measures which are:

- Consistent with the spirit of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to protect the coastal zone (to include shoreline, near shore, state waters and subsea zones).
- For an effective response to protect the sensitive marine environments of Florida threatened by the Deepwater Horizon spill.
- In coordination with the efforts of BP and the Unified Command, the funding will provide local governments the ability to protect areas not included in the Area Contingency Plan that they believe to have local significance.
- For recovery efforts to effect the outcomes of this event on the marine environment.

The process related to direct protective measures to protect Florida's coastlines is as follows:

1. The county or state agency submits a request in EM Constellation with sufficient specificity, both technically and financially, to allow for review.
2. If a request is approved and is related to supplemental booming actions, funds will be obligated for the request and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will arrange for the acquisition or otherwise fulfill the request out of the funds provided by the responsible party.
3. The county will be required to assist in the certification process to ensure the work and/or service was completed in accordance with the contract specifications.

Subject to funding from BP, the process related to recovery of reasonable local and state preparedness and response costs is as follows:

1. The Division of Emergency Management (DEM) will conduct applicant briefings with impacted state agencies and counties, as identified in the Governor's Executive Orders 10-99 and 10-100, at which time the submittal process for the recovery of reasonable local and state preparedness and response costs from the responsible party through the Deepwater Horizon financial accounting system will be initiated.
2. For those counties and state agencies with incurred costs eligible for reimbursement from the responsible party, a funding agreement will be executed between DEM and the applicant.
3. If applicable, approved mission request information will be included in the financial accounting system funding obligation entry.
4. Once entered into the system, the funds will be obligated for the request.
5. Project management of the payment process will be similar to that utilized for public assistance projects.
6. Once the work has been complete and/or the services are provided, the applicant will provide source documentation to DEM for payment and reconciliation purposes.

This reimbursement process may be amended as required.