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Sampling Program for Florida Deepwater Horizon Incident

Background

- Information on organizations conducting water column, sediments and biological tissues sampling is available at www.nrddata.org.
- The website was created as part of Florida's Sampling Program effort.
- Sampling protocols are available on the website.

Posting Sampling Information

- Sampling agencies include:
 - Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
 - Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DOACS)
 - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
 - National Marine Fisheries Service
 - Entrix (BP Contractor)
- These sampling agencies submit sampling location information to the website by uploading spreadsheets.
- Data is categorized as Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), Spill Driven or Routine.
- Mike Shirley (michael.shirley@dep.state.fl.us) and staff review submitted sample location information.
- FWC staff will contact those who submit data with "gaps" to ensure complete data is uploaded to the system.

Sharing Sampling Locations

- Maps (statewide and by county) are posted on the website.
- Queries by agencies and sampling types are available on the website.
- COMING SOON: Map queries by the public via Google Earth and at www.floridadisaster.org.

Status of Sampling Plans

- Mobile Sector – *Complete*
- St. Petersburg Sector – *Draft Under Revision*
- Key West Sector – *Approved by Florida, Under Review by NRDA/ENTRIX*
- South/Southeast Florida – *Under Development*
- East Central Florida - Indian River Lagoon – *Planning Begun*
- Northeast Florida – *Planning Begun*

Additional Sampling

- Sampling needs are determined by Coast Guard Sector and geographic area.
- Want to Sample? Obtain authorization through:
 - Mobile Sector – Matt Love: matt.love@dep.state.fl.us
 - St. Petersburg Sector – Victoria Vazques: 239.417.6209, ext 415
 - Key West Sector – Kent Edwards: kent.edwards@noaa.gov
 - Southeast Florida – Chantal Collier: chantal.collier@dep.state.fl.us
 - Indian River Lagoon – Laura Herren: laura.herren@dep.state.fl.us
 - Volusia – Nassau County – Nicole Love: nicole.love@dep.state.fl.us
- Before Going Out to Sample:
 - Obtain approval prior to sampling from appropriate contact (see above)
 - Review Sampling Protocols
 - Download Submission Forms

Counties/Cities/Others Must Obtain Approval Prior to Beginning Sampling Efforts!

- Entities may sample at own cost – reimbursement cannot be guaranteed.
- It is very important that the proper sampling protocols are followed.
- Please submit sampling location data to www.nrddata.org.