



**Charlie Crist**  
Governor

**Situation Report # 57**  
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**Weather Summary:**

- Light to moderate east-southeasterly winds of 5-10 knots, 1-3 foot seas, and a 20-30% chance of showers are expected today across the north-central gulf. Waves and currents are forecast to push northwest for the next few days, which in conjunction with winds will inhibit a further eastward movement of the oil plume. The connection between Eddie Franklin and the loop current has decreased with no significant amounts of oil. The tropical wave just south of Cuba has a 40% chance of becoming a tropical cyclone in the next 48 hours.

**Current Situation:**

- Florida beaches are open.
- Unified Area Command estimates release rate of oil from Deepwater Horizon at 35,000 to 60,000 barrels per day. Optimization of the dual recovery system (LMRP Cap and Q4000) continues; total oil recovered approximately 16,866 barrels.
- This event has been designated a Spill of National Significance.
- Unified Area Command continues with a comprehensive oil well intervention and spill response planning following the April 22 sinking of the Transocean Deepwater Horizon drilling rig 130 miles southeast of New Orleans.
- More than 37,000 personnel are working the on and offshore response.
- Oil-water mix recovered: nearly 25.6 million gallons
- Response vessels available: more than 6,170
- Response aircraft available: 95
- Dispersant (in gallons): approximately 1,478,000 deployed
- There is no planned use of dispersants in Florida waters.

**Florida Specific:**

- Health Advisories have been issued for Escambia and Walton Counties. Escambia County for the area from Walkover 23 on Pensacola Beach to east of the Johnson Beach Gate of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, and Walton County from Miramar Beach access point eastward to the east end of Top Sail State Park.
- On June 23, mousse was discovered between the Pensacola Beach Pier and the ranger station at Fort Pickens gate, approximately three miles in Length. Cleanup crews are on site.
- Tar balls, tar patties and mousse continue to be found in northwest Florida, with the heaviest impacts reported between Escambia and Walton Counties.
- Perdido Pass, Pensacola Pass and Destin Pass will be closed with the tide to reduce the amount of oil from entering inland waters. Boom will be deployed across each Pass at flood tide (incoming) and removed at ebb tide (outgoing).
- Oil Containment Boom (in feet) total: 586,561 deployed in Florida.
  - Tier 1: 234,800 / Tier 2: 132,800 / Tier 3: 218,961
- In accordance with established plans, protective booming, staging, and boom maintenance is being conducted along the coast from Escambia to Franklin.
- 389 vessels are deployed in Florida for the Vessels of Opportunity program.
- 827 Qualified Community Responders are actively working the cleanup efforts in the Florida Panhandle.
- According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil plume is 4 miles from Pensacola, 73 miles from Mexico Beach and 285 miles from St. Petersburg. NOAA trajectories indicate possible shoreline impacts along the western panhandle through Saturday as far east as the Choctawhatchee Bay.
- In addition to \$100,000 for Volunteer Florida to maintain a volunteer registration database, BP has issued over \$75 million in grants to Florida for booming, a national tourism advertising campaign, and the state's preparedness and response efforts.
- BP claims in Florida total 19,464 with approximately \$17,636,720.79 paid.
- A US Coast Guard representative for Unified Command Mobile is on scene at the SEOC coordinating response efforts as Deputy Incident Commander for Florida.

**Florida Information Lines:**

- The Florida Oil Spill Information Line (FOSIL) is available from 8am-6pm EDT daily for citizens' questions at (888) 337-3569.
- For general health/exposures information questions related to the oil spill, contact the Florida Poison Control Center at (800)-222-1222.
- Two public hotline numbers for oil spill investigation and cleanup:
  - Impacted Wildlife: (866) 557-1401
  - Oiled Shoreline: (877) 2-SAVE-FL or #DEP for cellular devices
- The Florida Department of State has established a hotline for archeological, historical preservation, and tribal lands that may be impacted by the Deepwater Horizon incident: (850) 245-6530.

**Information Websites:**

- Volunteer registration: [www.VolunteerFlorida.org](http://www.VolunteerFlorida.org) and click "Register to Help"
- Health/environmental advisories: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/health.htm>
- State sampling data: [www.nrdata.org](http://www.nrdata.org)
- GATOR web mapping application: <http://map.floridadisaster.org/gator/>
- Recovery related jobs: <http://gulfrecoveryjobs.employflorida.com/>
- NOAA GeoPlatform, response management application: <http://www.geoplatform.gov/gulfresponse/>

**State Actions:**

- State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is at a Level 1 (Full), operating from 0700 to 1800 EDT, with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as the lead agency.
- Governor's Executive Orders 10-99, 10-100, 10-106 and 10-132 declared a state of emergency for identified counties along the Florida coast.
- Governor's Executive Order 10-101 established the Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force, which will facilitate efforts by Florida businesses and industries to recover from the loss of commerce and revenues due to the oil spill.
- Governor Charlie Crist activated Florida's Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to provide emergency, short-term loans to established small businesses in 26 designated counties.
- Conducting daily conference calls with county and emergency management partners, the Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and various Unified Commands.

| SERT Personnel - Location                                     | Personnel |
|---|-----------|
| Mobile Unified Command, Forward-State Emergency Response Team | 22        |
| Florida Peninsula Command, Miami                              | 5         |
| Area Command in New Orleans, Louisiana                        | 2         |
| St. Petersburg  | 2         |
| Escambia  | 1         |

- FEMA is assisting SERT with streamlining financial reimbursement processing.
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) executive order (EO 10-29) temporarily closes a portion of coastal state waters offshore of Escambia County to the harvest of saltwater fish, crabs and shrimp. Recreational catch and release is allowed.
- A SERT Toxicological Data Analysis Cell is providing consistent scientific assessments of collected data sampling to inform local and state decision making.
- The Agency for Workforce Innovation and Regional Workforce Boards are identifying and filling jobs related to the oil spill: 7,268 positions advertised; 19,819 applicants referred. Per BP: 3,875 individuals trained and available.
- 95 Florida National Guard personnel on duty; the 10 most recent are Liaison Officers serving Escambia, Santa Rosa, Gulf, Bay, and Leon Counties.
- 14,933 volunteers have registered to respond to Deepwater Horizon.
- Business, Industry, and Economic Development has launched a national radio and print advertising campaign for Florida tourism.
- Conducting daily reconnaissance flights and shoreline patrol from Escambia to Gulf counties for impact. Real time reconnaissance reports are being entered into GATOR.

**Recovered Oiled Birds:**

|                | Recovered alive* | Released | Died or euthanized | Still in Rehab | Recovered dead |
|----------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 6/24/10        | 6                |          | 3                  | 34             | 2              |
| <b>Total #</b> | <b>67</b>        | <b>2</b> | <b>31</b>          | <b>48</b>      | <b>48</b>      |

Two visibly oiled dolphins and two visibly oiled sea turtles have also been rescued during this event.  
 \*Primarily northern gannets and brown pelicans, pied-billed grebes.  
 See the consolidated wildlife report updated by noon each day:  
<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/gg/doctype/2931/55963>

- The Boom Coordination Cell continues to coordinate additional boom requests. The Innovative Technology Cell continues to assess alternative clean-up technologies suggested by the public and stakeholders.
- The Small Business Administration has issued an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration for the State of Florida. Disaster Loan Outreach Centers are open in 8 counties. Loan Applications:
  - Issued: 430 Accepted: 109 Declined: 22 Approved: 13
  - Loan amount approved: \$778,900.00

**Local States of Emergency**

- Escambia: Expires on 6/25/10
- Santa Rosa: Expires on 6/25/10
- Okaloosa: Concurrent with State
- Walton: Expires on 6/25/10
- Bay: Expires on 6/24/10
- Gulf: Expires on 6/29/10
- Franklin: Expires on 6/28/10
- Wakulla: Expires on 6/28/10
- Jefferson: Expires on 7/1/10
- Dixie: Expires on 7/1/10
- Sarasota: Expires on 6/29/10

**County EOC Activations**

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