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Governor

Situation Report # 27

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Weather Summary:

- According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil spill is **55 miles** southwest of Pensacola, **110 miles** from Port St. Joe, and **280 miles** from Clearwater.
- **No direct oil impacts from any part of the plume are expected across the Florida coastline within at least the next 72 hours. Weak high pressure will remain over the northern-central gulf today, before a trough of low pressure begins to filter into the region from the northeast. Overall conditions are expected to remain favorable for deepwater operations this week, as light southeasterly winds of 5-10 knots persist through Wednesday evening, before shifting to the north on Thursday. Seas of 1-2 feet will continue through Friday. Afternoon showers and thunderstorms will be possible each afternoon this week, but most activity will be inland and widespread severe weather is not expected.**

Current Situation:

- **Florida beaches are open.**
- Unified Command estimates release rate of oil from Deepwater Horizon at 5,000 barrels per day.
- This event has been designated a Spill of National Significance.
- Unified Command continues with a comprehensive oil well intervention and spill response plan following the April 22 sinking of the Transocean Deepwater Horizon drilling rig 130 miles southeast of New Orleans.
- Approximately 22,000 personnel are working the on and offshore response.
- Oil-water mix recovered: approximately **11 million** gallons
- Response vessels in use: **1,220**
- Dispersant (in gallons): approximately **830,000** deployed / **360,000** available
- 17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines:
 - AL – Dauphin Island, Orange Beach, and Theodore
 - FL – Panama City, Pensacola, Port St. Joe, and Carrabelle
 - LA – Amelia, Cocodrie, Grand Isle, Shell Beach, Slidell, St. Mary and Venice
 - MS – Biloxi, Pascagoula, and Pass Christian

Florida Specific:

- Oil Containment Boom (in feet)
 - **259,950** total deployment in Florida
 - Florida staging areas: approximately **12,600** staged
- In accordance with established plans, protective booming and boom maintenance is being conducted in the coastal areas of Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties.
- 538 BP and contract personnel are working on the effort in Florida.
- BP issued a \$25 million block grant to Florida; first priority is costs associated with booming.
- BP has issued a second \$25 million grant to Florida for a national tourism advertising campaign.
- 128 of 1,104 contracts have been activated for the Vessels of Opportunity program in Florida.
- Representatives from BP and the U.S. Coast Guard are stationed at the State EOC and at staging areas and incident command posts in Florida.
- FDEP has issued an Emergency Final Order authorizing suspension of certain parameters, allowing for an efficient and timely response to oil spill related matters.
- BP claims in Florida: **3,118 / approximately \$1,972,003.92 paid**
 - Wage Loss: **1,651 claims / \$840,561.20**
 - Loss of Income:
 - Commercial: **255 claims / \$142,633.93**
 - Business Interruption: **145 claims / \$55,400**
 - Shrimper: **92 claims / \$215,000**
 - Fishermen: **3335 claims / \$305,328.79**
 - Oyster Harvester: **3 claims / \$2,500**
 - Crabber: **5 claims / \$5,000**
 - Recreational Fishermen: **3 claims / \$5,000**
 - Rental Property: **340 claims / \$22,280.00**
 - Charters: **193 claims / \$321,620**
 - Maintenance Company: **5 claims / \$6,680**
 - Seafood Processor: **7 claims / \$5,000**

State Actions:

- State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is at a Level 2 (Partial) with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as the lead agency.
- Governor's Executive Orders 10-99, 10-100, and 10-106 declared a state of emergency for:
 - Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, and Gulf (10-99)
 - Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota (10-100)
 - Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach (10-106)
- 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.
- Conducting daily conference calls with: county and emergency management partners, the Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and Mobile Unified Command.
- A **23-member** Forward-State Emergency Response Team (F-SERT) is on-scene at the Unified Command in Mobile.
- The State Emergency Response Team is supporting efforts with 10 personnel at Unified Command Sector St. Petersburg, 3 personnel at Unified Command Sector Key West, and 1 person at Unified Command Sector Miami
- ESF 15 – Volunteers and Donation is providing consistent messaging to Florida volunteers, "All oil-contaminated materials will only be handled by trained, paid workers and not by volunteers." **1,742** volunteers worked **7,799** hours for clean-ups along 135 miles of Florida's beaches.
- The Boom Coordination Cell continues to coordinate additional requests.
- An Innovative Technology Cell is assessing alternative clean-up technologies suggested by the public and stakeholders.
- ESF 10 – A website to view all of the consolidated State sampling data that is being collected along the Gulf Coastline is at www.nrdata.org.
- **ESF 18 – Business, Industry, and Economic Development has launched a national radio and print advertising campaign, promoting Florida tourism.**
- The Small Business Administration has issued an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration for the State of Florida.
 - Disaster Loan Outreach Centers have been opened in the following counties: Bay, Escambia, Gulf, Franklin, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, and Walton.
 - Total visits to date: **297**
 - Loan applications: Issued – **75** / Accepted – **3**

Florida Information Lines

- ESF 14 – The Florida Oil Spill Information Line (FOSIL) is available from 8am-6pm EDT daily at (888) 337-3569.
- Mobile Unified Command has established two public hotline numbers for oil spill investigation and cleanup:
 - Impacted Wildlife: (866) 557-1401
 - Oiled Shoreline: (866) 448-5816
- 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

Local States of Emergency

- Bay: **Expires on 5/27/10**
- Dixie: **Expires on 5/27/10**
- Escambia: **Expires on 5/28/10**
- Franklin: **Expires on 6/1/10**
- Gulf: **Expires on 5/31/10**
- Okaloosa: **Concurrent with State**
- Santa Rosa: **Expires on 5/28/10**
- Sarasota: **Expires on 6/1/10**
- Wakulla: **Expires on 5/31/10**
- Walton: **Expires on 5/28/10**

County EOC Activations

- Bay, Level 2 (Partial)
- Okaloosa, Level 2 (Partial)
- Santa Rosa, Level 2 (Partial)
- Wakulla, Level 2 (Partial)
- **Franklin, Level 3 (Monitoring)**