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Governor

Situation Report # 28

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Weather Summary:

- According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil spill is **55 miles** southwest of Pensacola, **130 miles** from Port St. Joe, and **290 miles** from Clearwater.
- **No direct oil impacts from any part of the plume are expected across the Florida coastline in the next 72 hours. Winds this morning continue to be generally light and easterly. This pattern will continue through today with easterly winds at or below 10 knots. Seas will remain 2 feet or below, and conditions will be good for deepwater operations. Tonight, winds will become light and variable, shifting to northerly and northwesterly tomorrow. Wind speeds will remain similar, however, and seas of 1-2 feet will continue through Friday. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will again be present, but will again be mostly confined to land areas.**

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 more than 20,000 personnel are working the on and offshore response.
- Oil-water mix recovered: approximately **11.1 million** gallons
- Response vessels in use: **1300**
- Dispersant (in gallons): approximately **840,000** deployed / **380,000** available
- 17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Florida Specific:

- Oil Containment Boom (in feet)
 - 259,950 total deployment in Florida
 - Florida staging areas: approximately **12,500** 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 is providing a \$100,000 grant through a Memorandum of Understanding with Volunteer Florida to maintain a database for the registration of volunteers: <http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/volunteerflorida/viewEventDetails.do?eventId=31601>**
- 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: **3,306/ approximately \$2,187,904.15 paid**
 - Wage Loss: **1,767 claims / \$980,395.59**
 - Loss of Income:
 - Commercial: **269 claims / \$177,976.93**
 - Business Interruption: **167 claims / \$65,400**
 - Shrimper: **95 claims / \$220,000**
 - Fishermen: **348 claims / \$340,894.79**
 - Oyster Harvester: **5 claims / \$2,500**
 - Crabber: **5 claims / \$5,000**
 - Recreational Fishermen: **3 claims / \$5,000**
 - Rental Property: **344 claims / \$24,780.00**
 - Charters: **201 claims / \$354,276.84**
 - Maintenance Company: **5 claims / \$6,680**
 - Seafood Processor: **8 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, 1 person at Unified Command Sector Key West, and 1 person at Unified Command Sector Miami,
- ESF 13-Florida National Guard (FLNG) Personnel
 - 1 LNO at Robert UC.
 - 1 LNO at Mobile UC (part of 23-member F-SERT)
 - **1 PAO enroute to Joint Information Center (JIC) in Robert, La.**
 - 1 LNO in St. Pete UC (part of 10 personnel at St. Petersburg UC)
 - 2 LNO's at the SEOC
- **Florida EMAC-Enroute Hammond, La**
 - **Two Blackhawk (UH-60) Helicopters with 12 crew members**
 - **One Chinook (CH-47) Helicopter with 8 crew members**
- 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: **389**
 - Loan applications: Issued – **89** / 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)