



FLORIDA BASELINE SAMPLING TIMELINE

In accordance with the first phase of the NRDA process, pre-assessment, baseline sampling was conducted by DEP throughout Florida from April – July 2010. Sampling was done along Florida's entire coastline, including the Atlantic Coast.

- **April 30, 2010:** Pre-assessment baseline monitoring began in Escambia County by DEP's Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas (CAMA). Water and sediment chemistry samples were collected at Ft. Pickens Aquatic Preserve. Additional samples for shoreline assessment have also been collected at numerous sites.
- **May 1-2, 2010:** Water and sediment samples were collected by CAMA and DEP's Division of Environmental Assessment & Restoration (DEAR) from all bays (four to seven locations per bay) starting at Perdido Bay in Escambia County to Dickerson Bay in Wakulla County. Photo points and beach samples were also taken at various sites along the shoreline. DEAR samples were processed by the DEP Central lab in Tallahassee, while CAMA samples were shipped to the TDI lab in Texas per direction from NOAA. Sediment samples were frozen and water samples were analyzed for hydrocarbons (PAH and TRPH) as well as some additional parameters.
- **May 5-7, 2010:** Additional samples were taken by CAMA and DEAR from Wakulla County to the Hernando County line at 12 areas (four to seven locations at each area). Water, sediment, and photo points were taken at each location. All samples were shipped to the TDI lab in Texas lab. Additional biological sampling has also occurred for parts of the panhandle.
- **May 25-26, 2010:** Sampling in Monroe County for the Florida Keys was completed May 26th.
- **June 1-4, 2010:** Additional panhandle sampling occurred in Pensacola, St. Joe and Apalachicola Bay.
- **June 7-10, 2010:** Southwest Florida and Southeast Florida baseline sampling occurred from Hernando County south to Collier County on the west coast and Dade County north through Martin County. The Southeast baseline sampling was completed on June 10th. In addition several sites in the Crystal River area were re-sampled.
- **June 14-17, 2010:** Southwest baseline sampling was completed June 17th. This concludes baseline sampling for the entire Gulf Coast of Florida as well as the four counties in Southeast Florida (Dade, Broward and Palm Beach), excluding Everglades National Park.

- **June 28-July 1, 2010:** Sampling from St. Lucie County to Mosquito Lagoon in Volusia County was completed July 1st. This completes the central and northern portions of the Indian River Lagoon system.
- **July 14-15, 2010:** Northeast baseline sampling from Volusia County to Nassau County was completed on July 15th. This completes the baseline sampling for the entire East Coast of Florida and the State of Florida.