

## FLORIDA DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE WEEKLY UPDATE

January 4, 2013

## Gulf Coast Incident Management Team/Florida Branch

- Gulf Coast Incident Management Team (GCIMT) remains active in New Orleans, LA with the Florida Branch Office located in Mary Esther, FL.
- Supporting the GCIMT is George Henderson (FWC), State On-Scene Coordinator (SOSC). George provided remote support this week.
- Representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), FDEP and BP are staffing the Florida Branch Office.
- The Florida Branch, is supervising the activities of two Divisions, staffed by BP and their contract personnel with USCG oversight:
  - o Division 1 Western Escambia County (Perdido Key)
  - Division 2 Eastern Escambia (Pensacola Beach), Okaloosa, and Walton Counties.

## Florida Activities

- Two Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) teams, that include FDEP personnel, continue to conduct scientific assessments of the FL coast on a daily basis. Teams document oil found and provide cleanup recommendations.
- Product continues to be collected, documented and weighed by segment on a daily basis.

Weekly Totals (Lbs)							
Counties	Escambia/ Santa Rosa	Okaloosa	Walton	Bay	Gulf	Franklin	Total
Material Collected	319.18	4.02	0	0	0	0	323.20
Oiled Debris	47.86	0.06	0	0	0	0	47.92
Total- to date	2,827,170	39,910	15,767	4,019	329	138	2,887,333

<sup>\*</sup>Material collected totals represent work completed through these dates 12.21.12 – 1.04.13 - *Note Santa Rosa, Bay, Gulf, and Franklin Counties are out of active response.* 

## Florida Activities continued

- GCIMT offices reopened on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. FL Branch Operations held a safety day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and resumed beach cleaning on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- SCAT teams 4 and 9 will resume surveying on 1.05.13
- A De Minimis Exemption was issued on 1.04.13 from the Beaches and Coastal Program to mechanically remove the submerged oil mats located on Perdido Key segment FLES1-006 and Pensacola Beach segment FLES2-018.
- Gulf Island National Seashore, Santa Rosa segment FLES3-012: An augering plan was submitted to the National Park Service on 12.21.12 for review. Over the holiday stand down, the ITZ escarpment collapsed and the oil vein is no longer visible. The plan is being internally discussed.
- Received notification on 12.21.12 that upon the Branch standing back up after the holidays, BP will be stopping the Modified Surge Plan for Perdido Key and Pensacola Beach. The workforce will be reduced to pre- surge levels and P&M frequency returned to 3x/wk. Reasoning provided was the surge has not yielded a significant change in product recovery nor does it appear to be accelerating the pace of moving segments into the SCCP process and out of the response. The data clearly demonstrates positive collection trends since the surge was initiated. No discussion on this topic was held with the State prior to implementing the change. Requested a meeting be held with the CG, BP and the State to discuss this issue.